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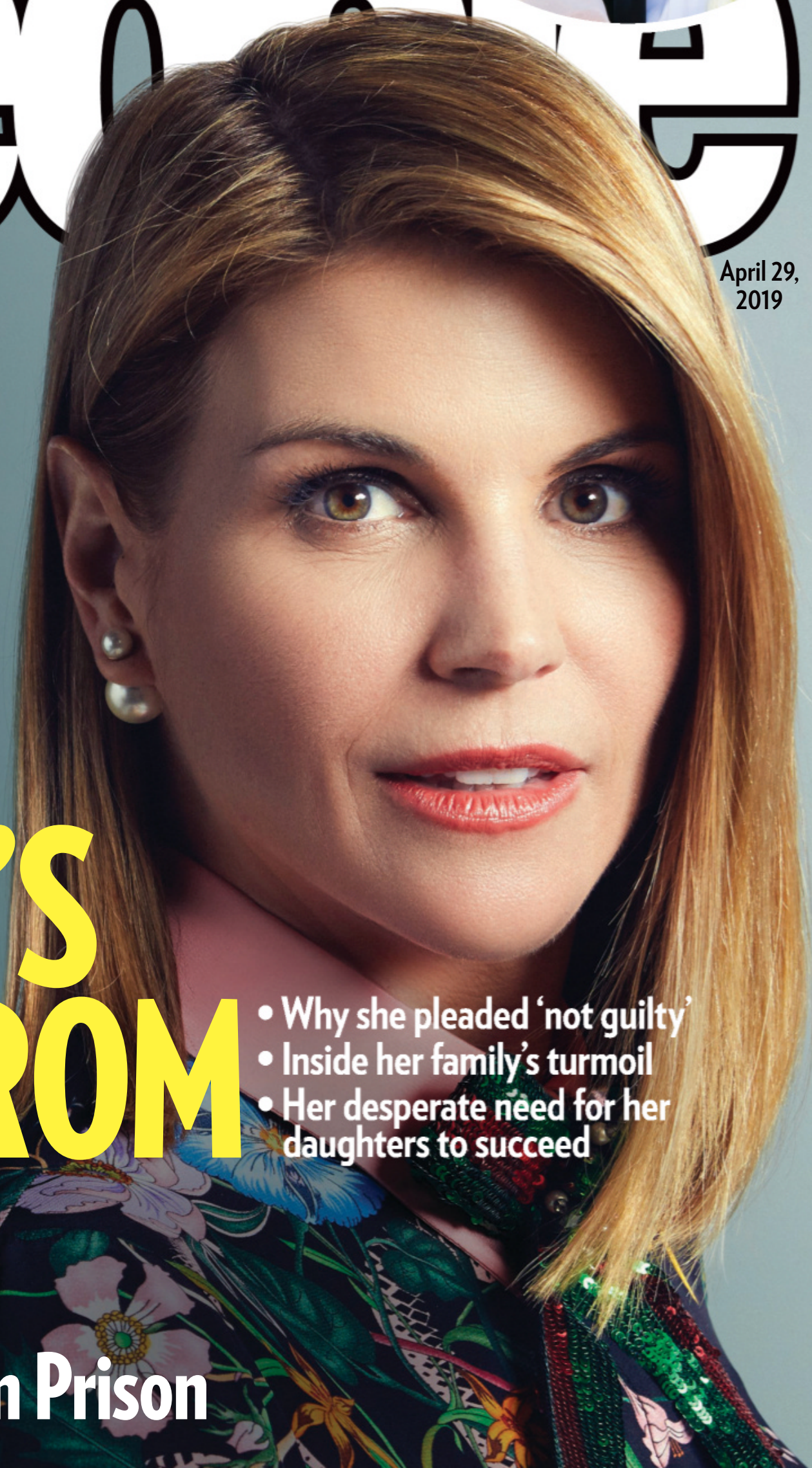
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—JUSTIN BIEBER, joking about fellow Canadian Shawn Mendes being called the prince of pop, on Instagram

‘If you haven’t seen it and you hate spoilers, don’t even come to work. I ain’t got time for this no-spoilers-ish this season’

—MINDY KALING, warning her employees to keep up with *Game of Thrones*, on Twitter

‘Like 15 Going on 50? Let’s simmer down. Leave well enough alone’

—JENNIFER GARNER, on a possible *13 Going on 30* sequel, on *Good Morning America*

‘It feels like I have 500 kids. That’s what it feels like’

—KATE HUDSON, on being a mom of three, on *Live with Kelly and Ryan*

‘I bring my own avocados.... I have an avocado orchard’

—OPRAH WINFREY, on high avocado prices, on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*

‘In general I think babies are very judgy, but he’s particularly judgy’

—ANDERSON COOPER, on pal Andy Cohen’s 2-month-old son Benjamin, on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*

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# 5 Things We're Talking About

*this week!*

## 1/ Dwayne Johnson will release his own tequila

Time for a little tequila on the Rock! The WWE star turned actor is working on putting out a new spirit, and he's been taste-testing it himself. "Let's have a drink," he wrote on Instagram.



## 2/

### Kim Kardashian is studying law

Following in her late father's footsteps, she's doing a four-year apprenticeship and aims to tackle the bar exam in 2022. "Took my first test, I got a 100," she told *Vogue*.



## 3/ A black hole gets its close-up

Astronomers captured the first image of a black hole, an ultra-high-gravity region in space about 55 million light-years away. Could it be...smizing?

## 4/

### A Jeopardy! contestant scores big

What is a smarty-pants? James Holzhauer, a pro-sports bettor from Las Vegas, set the show's all-time one-day winnings record when he left the April 9 episode with \$110,914.



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### Grease is getting a prequel

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# StarTracks

## DWYANE WADE'S NBA SEND-OFF

Miami, April 9

Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade crashed into Chrissy Teigen and John Legend during his final NBA home game. Teigen later joked about the viral image, calling it "a renaissance painting" on Twitter.





## JUDE HITS THE BEACH

Venice, April 9

Holy abs! **Jude Law** strutted on the sand in a skimpy swimsuit while shooting HBO's *The New Pope* in Italy. The drama is a follow-up to the 2016 miniseries *The Young Pope*, in which Law's character becomes the first American pope.



## HARRY AND SALLY MEET AGAIN!

Los Angeles, April 11

Thirty years after the iconic romantic comedy's release, *When Harry Met Sally...* costars **Meg Ryan** and **Billy Crystal** reunited at the TCM Classic Film Festival for an anniversary screening of the film. "Looking back, it's a type of music that Billy and I somehow knew how to play together," Ryan said of her onscreen chemistry with Crystal.

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# ROYAL KIDS ON THE MOVE

Norfolk, England, April 12

Prince William and Princess Kate's oldest children—Prince George, 5, and Princess Charlotte, 3—made a rare appearance at the Burnham Market International Horse Trials, where William's equestrian cousin Zara Tindall (above center) competed.

During the competition, Charlotte got a ride on mom Kate's shoulders, while William toted Zara's 5-year-old daughter Mia.

They grow up so fast! Prince George and his cousin **Mia Tindall** (inset, in 2015) compared their heights at the horse trials.

2015

Zara and Mike Tindall's 9-month-old daughter **Lena Tindall** made one of her first public appearances at the event. (Lena is Queen Elizabeth's great-granddaughter and Prince Harry's goddaughter.)



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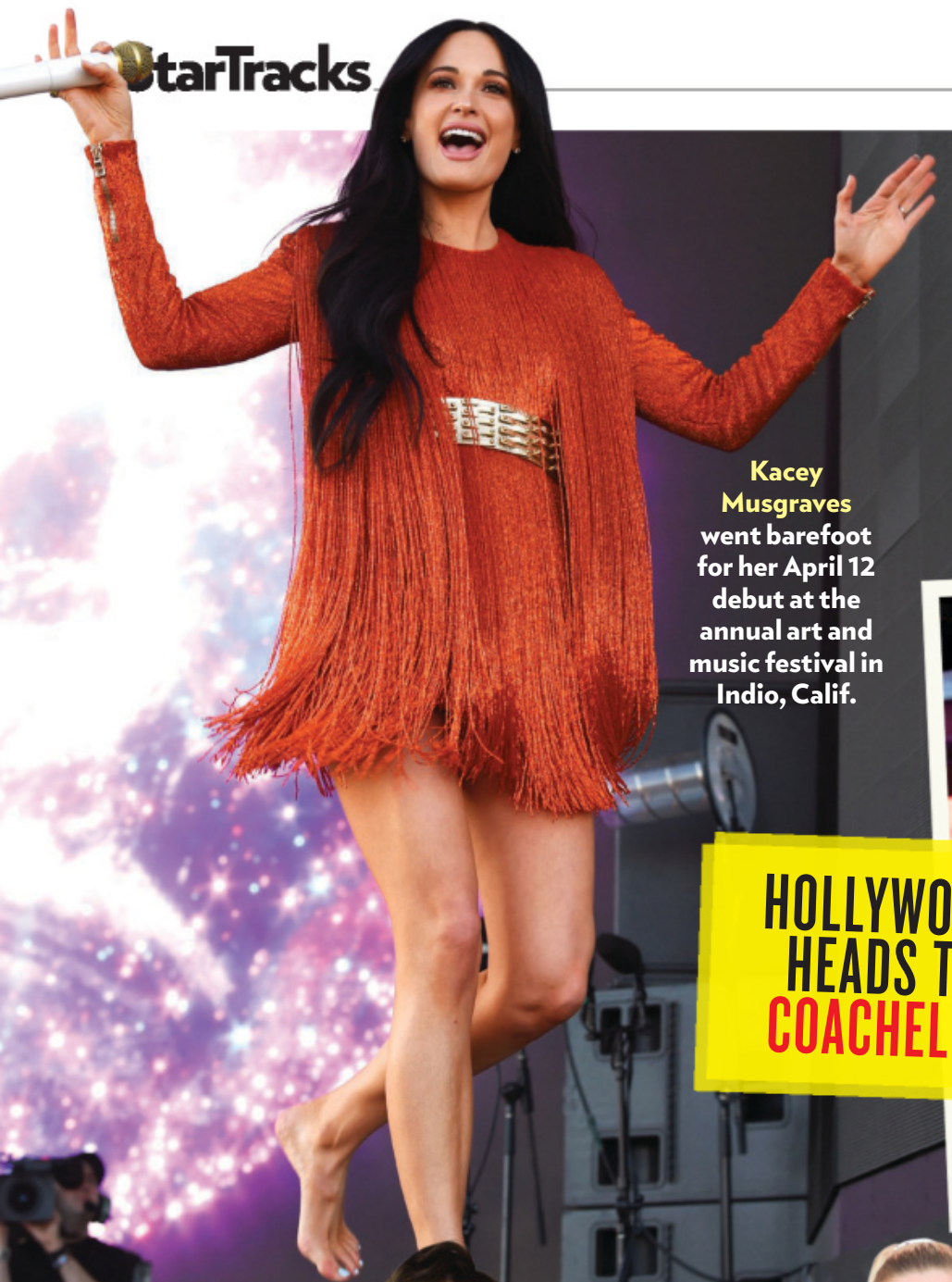
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**Kacey Musgraves** went barefoot for her April 12 debut at the annual art and music festival in Indio, Calif.

## HOLLYWOOD HEADS TO COACHELLA



**Cardi B** and husband **Offset** shared the stage—and, at one point, a smooch!—at the Coachella #REVOLVE Festival bash on April 14.



**Selena Gomez** hit the stage for the first time since completing mental-health treatment last year, performing “Taki Taki” with DJ Snake, Cardi B and Ozuna on April 12.

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## COACHELLA STYLE

Stars bring the heat to the desert music festival in free-spirited fashions

**Rowan Blanchard**  
In an H&M top and shorts.

**Kiernan Shipka**  
In an H&M dress.

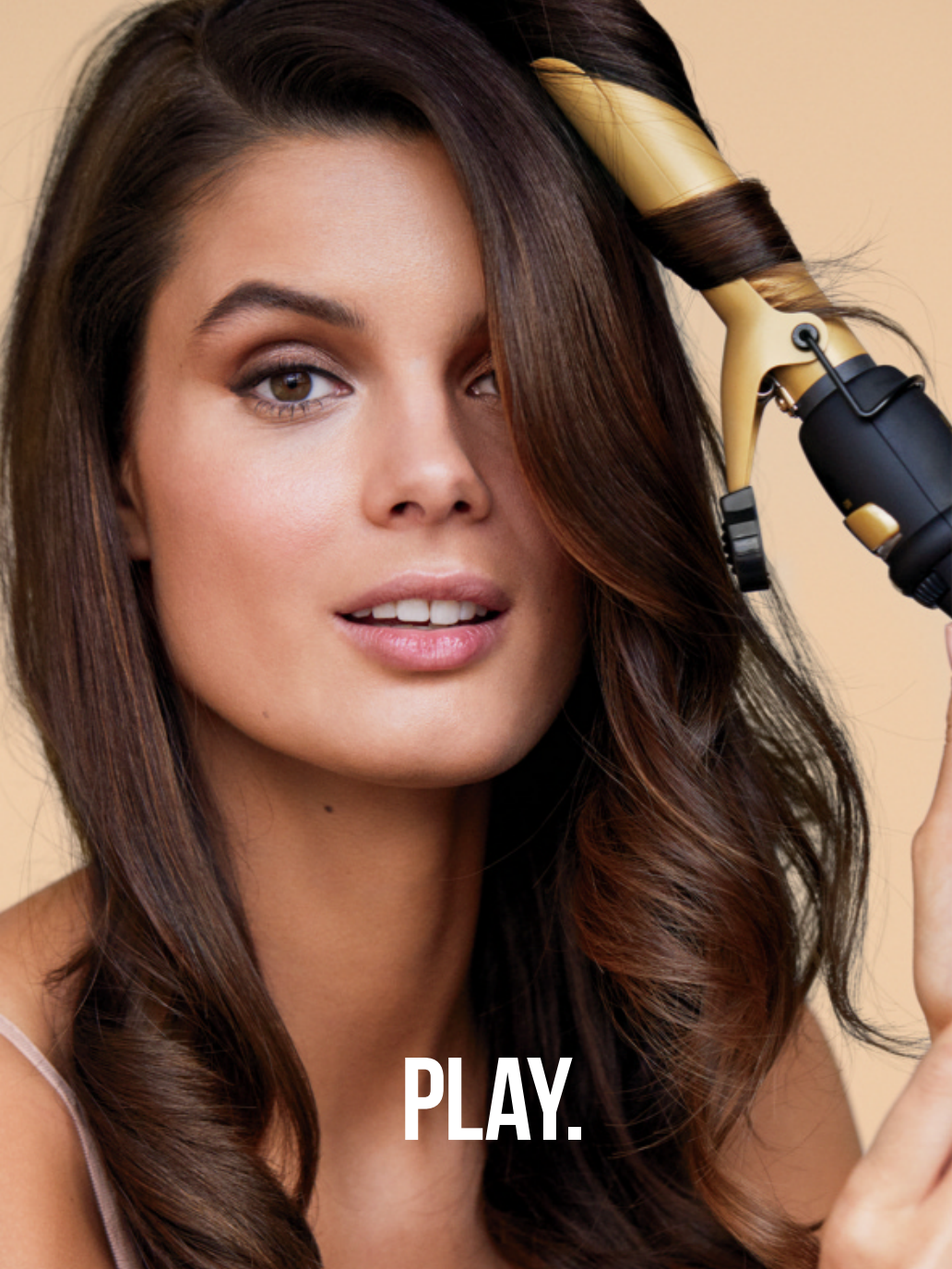
**Hailey Baldwin**  
In a Levi's jacket and jeans.

**Winnie Harlow**  
In a Misurare swimsuit with a Superdown x Revolve cover-up.

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## TIGER'S EPIC COMEBACK

Augusta, Ga., April 14

After weathering personal scandals and health crises, **Tiger Woods** won his first major golf championship in 11 years at the 2019 Masters Tournament, where he celebrated with his son **Charlie Axel**, 10, his mother, **Kultida**, and daughter **Sam Alexis**, 11.



**SNEAK PEEK!**

## A *BLUE BLOODS* WEDDING

When the CBS series wraps its ninth season on May 10, Jamie Reagan (**Will Estes**, center left) and Eddie Janko (**Vanessa Ray**) will start a new chapter. After getting engaged last season, the former partners at the 12th Precinct will become life partners as they say "I do" in the presence of the police commissioner—aka Jamie's dad (**Tom Selleck**). The festivities don't keep the Reagans (clockwise below: Estes, Ray, **Bridget Moynahan**, Selleck, **Sami Gayle**, **Donnie Wahlberg** and **Christine Ebersole**) from one last family dinner this season.



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## GALAXY GIRLS

Chicago, April 12

*Star Wars: Episode IX* costars **Daisy Ridley**, **Naomi Ackie** and **Kelly Marie Tran** teased *The Rise of Skywalker*—the series' final installment—at the annual Star Wars Celebration event.



## KATY VISITS OZ

New York City, April 11

**Katy Perry** met *Wicked* stars **Ginna Claire Mason** (left) and **Jessica Vosk** (right) backstage after seeing the Broadway favorite for the first time. "I've been changed for good since seeing *Wicked!*" Perry said on Instagram.



## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

New York City, April 11

**Michael Gandolfini**

was photographed on-set of the *Sopranos* prequel movie *The Many Saints of Newark*. The 19-year-old plays a young Tony Soprano, the Mob boss famously portrayed by his late father, **James Gandolfini** (inset).



## FRIENDS FOREVER

*Friends* costars **Courteney Cox** and **Lisa Kudrow** shared shots from a recent catch-up on Instagram April 13. Kudrow captioned her post by quoting one of her character Phoebe's most memorable lines: "My eyes! My eyes!"





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**Meghan Markle**

# How She's Changing Royal Baby Tradition

**Meghan Markle is writing her own** royal baby playbook. On April 11 she and husband Prince Harry announced their plans for the imminent arrival of their first child—and broke away from decades of royal tradition. Unlike Princess Kate, who famously stepped out of the Lindo Wing at St. Mary's Hospital in London within hours of delivering each of her three children, Meghan will not participate in a hospital photo-call. Instead the Duchess of Sussex, 37, and Harry, 34, have decided to introduce their baby to the world on the grounds of Windsor Castle—where they recently relocated to their new home, Frogmore Cottage. The move allows the couple to spend the first days of their baby's life away from the cameras and “celebrate privately as a new family,” said a Buckingham Palace statement. That's a radical difference >>

**Her Baby, Her Way**  
Meghan and Harry “look forward to sharing the news...once they have had an opportunity to celebrate privately,” the palace said in an April 11 statement.



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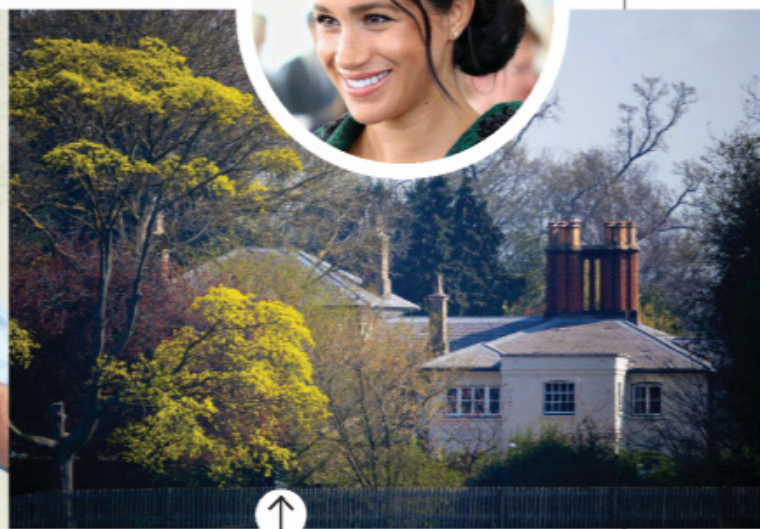
### Diana and Charles

The royal couple debuted Prince William outside the Lindo Wing in 1982.



### Kate and William

In 2013 the new parents introduced Prince George at the same spot.



### Meghan and Harry

Meghan's medical team could deliver the baby at Frogmore Cottage.

from the rapid post-birth appearances of both Kate and William and Princess Diana and Prince Charles. (Those couples were parents to direct heirs to the throne, while the new baby will be seventh in line.) "It is completely understandable," says royal author Ingrid Seward. "The Lindo Wing has become too much of a circus." The decision also removes what many have deemed the unreasonable expectation for royal women to appear impeccably poised just after giving birth. In an essay last year, actress Keira Knightley criticized the pressure to "look beautiful, look stylish, don't show your battleground, Kate."

The news also suggests that

**'IT IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE. THE LINDO WING HAS BECOME TOO MUCH OF A CIRCUS'**  
—INGRID SEWARD

Meghan is planning on having her baby at home, a decision insiders have said has long been her first choice. In another departure from tradition, the palace will only be announcing when she has gone into labor, not where. "Their Royal Highnesses have taken a personal decision to keep the plans around the arrival of their baby private," the statement said. In fact Meghan's move calls back to past generations: As recently as Harry's father, Prince Charles, royal babies were born at home, with a photo released later. "People are delighted that Meghan is doing things differently," says Seward. "She was under no pressure to do things the same." —SIMON PERRY



### Harry Teams with Oprah

Meanwhile, dad-to-be Prince Harry, a longtime advocate for mental-health awareness, announced a powerful new ally: Oprah Winfrey. The two will partner on a documentary series for Apple. "It is a huge responsibility to get this right," Harry said.

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## Angelina & Brad

# Officially Single Again

Their divorce still isn't final, but a judge ruled on April 12 that Angelina Jolie, 43, and Brad Pitt, 55, are now legally single—more than two and a half years after they split. According to court documents, both stars requested a move known as bifurcation that allows them to officially end their marriage while continuing to hash out a financial and custody agreement. "Both parents are focused on what's best for the kids," says a source. Jolie and Pitt,

who wed in 2014, have six children together: Maddox, 17, Pax, 15, Zahara, 14, Shiloh, 12, and 10-year-olds Vivienne and Knox. After Jolie filed for divorce in September 2016, negotiations were contentious at first—but lately have been more peaceful. In November 2018 they reached a temporary child custody agreement, which a source said at the time was "to keep things moving along in the right direction." —MIA McNIECE



**End of a Marriage**  
Jolie (in 2018) and Pitt (in March) are now free to marry again—or just to file their taxes as single.



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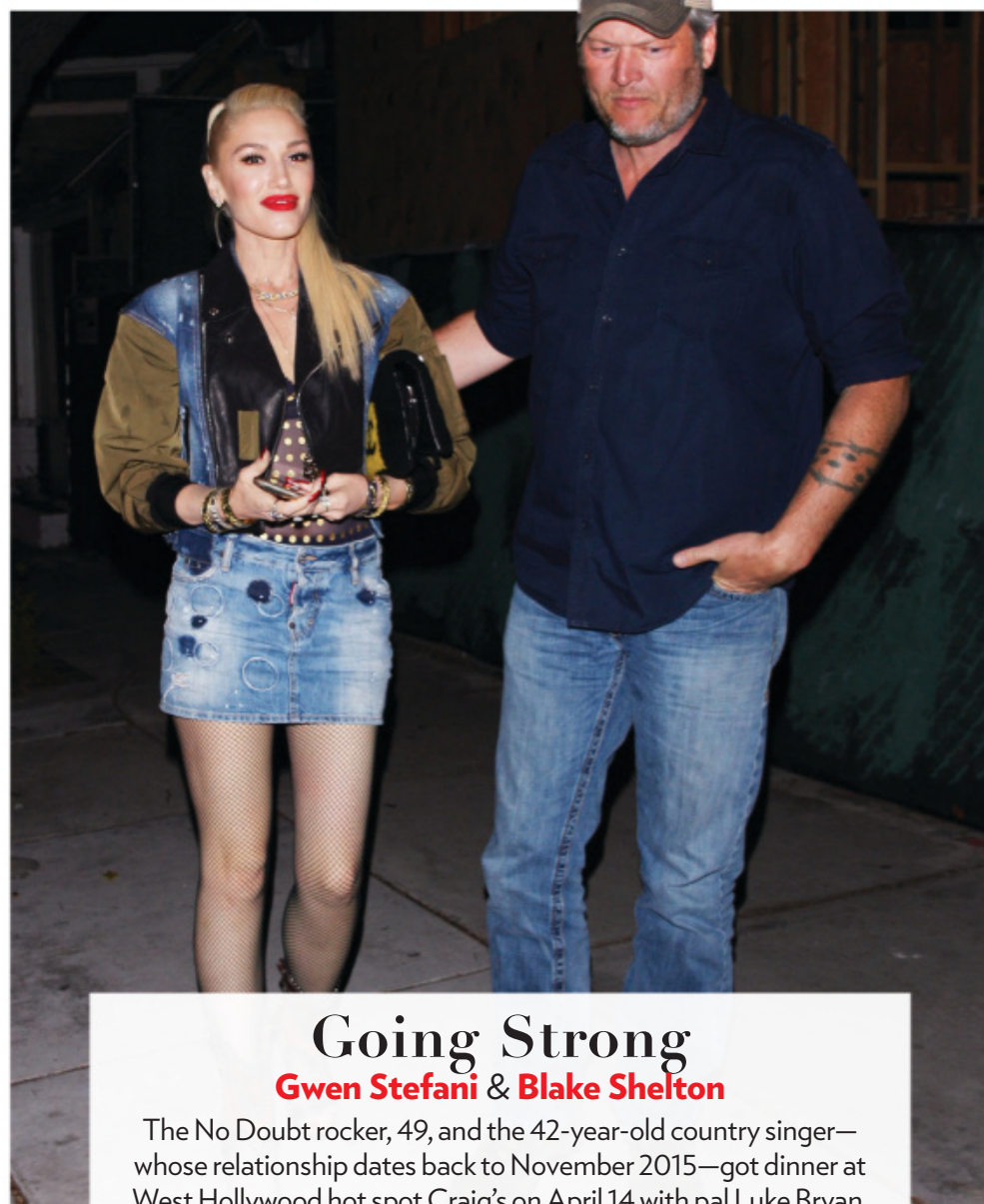
## It's Over—Again Ben Affleck & Lindsay Shookus

After reuniting earlier this year, the actor, 46, and the *Saturday Night Live* producer, 38, split a second time when distance strained the romance. “They’ll always have love for each other,” says a source.



## Party Planning? Jennifer Lawrence & Cooke Maroney

The Oscar winner, 28, and her art-dealer fiancé, 34, could be scouting locations for an engagement celebration—or pre-wedding festivities. An insider tells *People* the couple checked out two N.Y.C. luxury hotels in early April. “She is a family girl, and I would be surprised if the wedding were not a fairly extensive family affair,” says a source.



## Going Strong Gwen Stefani & Blake Shelton

The No Doubt rocker, 49, and the 42-year-old country singer—whose relationship dates back to November 2015—got dinner at West Hollywood hot spot Craig’s on April 14 with pal Luke Bryan.



## Heating Up

### Emma Roberts & Garrett Hedlund

Three weeks after *People* confirmed that the *American Horror Story* actress, 28, split from fiancé Evan Peters, Roberts embraced her new boyfriend, 34-year-old *Triple Frontier* actor Hedlund, in L.A. on April 9.



# Wendy Williams Files for Divorce Amid Scandal

Wendy Williams told fans tuning in to her show on March 4 that she and her manager husband, Kevin Hunter, would never split—“Not in this lifetime.” But a month later the talk show host took off her massive wedding ring—and then dumped Hunter too, filing for divorce on April 11.

Last month multiple reports alleged that her husband of 21 years—with whom Williams shares son KJ, 19—had a baby with another woman. “The split is definitely due to Kevin’s ongoing infidelity and that his mistress recently welcomed their child,” says a source. “Wendy hired a private investigator

and confronted [Hunter]. He confessed to everything.” Hunter did not return *People*’s request for comment. Williams’s

**‘SHE’S REGAINING HER STRENGTH AND FINALLY PUTTING HERSELF FIRST. SHE’S READY TO BUILD A NEW LIFE’**  
—A WILLIAMS SOURCE

rep said in a statement, “Kevin is supportive of Wendy, and they are working through this process together.”

The drama has been tough on Williams, who revealed last month that she has been struggling with addiction and living in a sober house. “She did everything to save their marriage,”

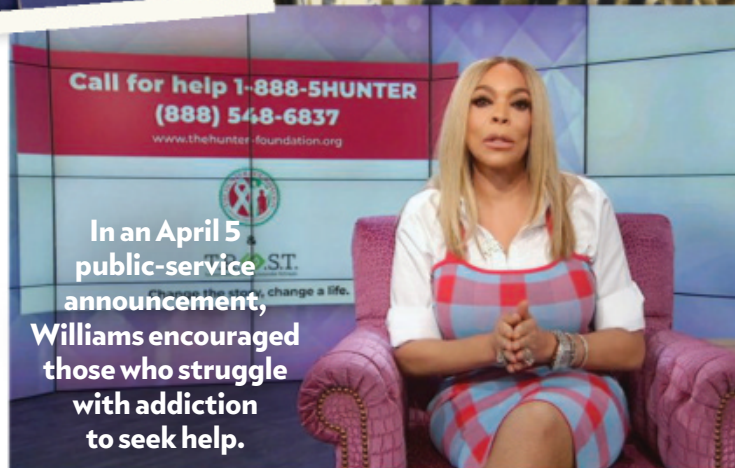


**Letting Go**  
Left: Williams, 54, and Hunter, 46, in 2018. “The decision to split was terribly hard for her,” says the source of the star (right, in 2017).



adds the source, who says Williams turned to alcohol to cope. But the scrappy star is on the mend. “I have a whole new life that I planned for myself and my son,” she said on her April 15 show.

—JANINE RUBENSTEIN



## Anna Faris

### My Life as a Mom

She stars in *Mom* on CBS, but Anna Faris’s favorite role is mother to her 6-year-old son Jack. “We have a really close family,” says the actress, 42, who shares custody and co-parenting with ex-husband Chris Pratt, 39. As her son grows up, the *Unqualified*

podcast host (who’s now dating cinematographer Michael Barrett, 48) relishes their time together. “He’s at such a perfect age. He wants to be independent, he wants to be cool, but he’s still that snuggly kid,” says Faris, who

appears in a new ad campaign for Klondike bars. “He’ll pretend to need to go to the bathroom in my room, but then he’ll snuggle into bed with me. It’s so sweet.” They read together “every night. *Frog and Toad* usually. He feels like he’s a little bit too old for it but still wants it.” Jack has inherited his mom’s mischievous sense of humor. “He likes making traps—like, he’ll put ropes up so I trip over them!” adds Faris. “I want to appreciate the small moments. It’s precious time that I know is going to disappear.” —AILI NAHAS

**Family First**  
Jack (with Faris in 2018) knows his parents are Hollywood stars, “and he’s not impressed, which is annoying,” she jokes.







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# Sandra Bullock's Georgia Getaway

The actress, 54, has listed her compound on scenic Tybee Island for \$6.5 million with Celia Dunn of Sotheby's International Realty, as featured on [toptenrealestatedeals.com](http://toptenrealestatedeals.com).

Sitting on about 2.75 acres, the two-house property—a short drive south of Savannah—totals seven bedrooms and 5½ bathrooms, with a pool and a private boardwalk to the beach.



Bullock bought the property for more than \$4.5 million in deals in 2001 and 2002.

A light and airy living room with vaulted ceilings.

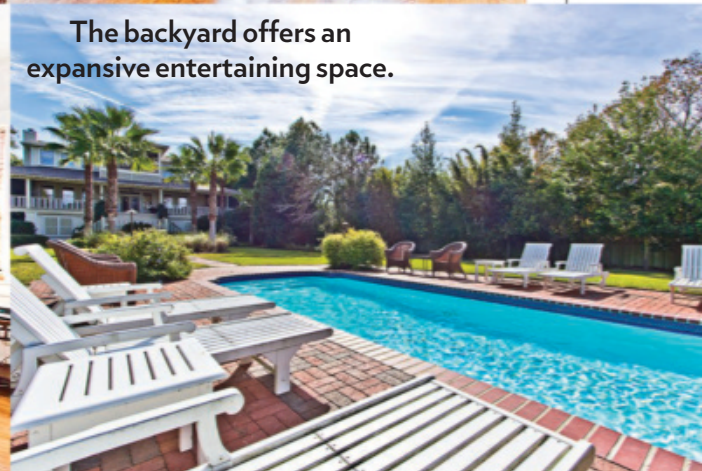
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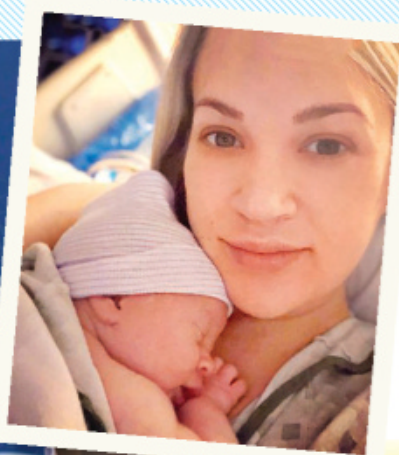
The property boasts views of the Atlantic Ocean.



The main and guest houses come fully furnished with beach-inspired decor.



The backyard offers an expansive entertaining space.



## Carrie Underwood

# Back to Work After Baby

Carrie Underwood gave birth to her second son, Jacob, in January but has already thrown herself back into work mode. The singer, 36, also mom to Isaiah, 4, is in rehearsals for her Cry Pretty Tour 360 (starting in May) and in the office designing for her athleisure company CALIA. “Putting together a fashionable but functional outfit often gives me a little boost when going to the gym, especially when I need an extra push,” says Underwood, who posted last month that getting back in shape has been “much more difficult” this time around. Husband Mike Fisher, 38, is in her corner as she balances it all. “I wanna publicly thank the hubs for taking the kid-dos and letting this tired mama sleep a couple extra hours this morning,” she tweeted March 30. “Lemme tell you, it makes all the difference in the world!” —GILLIAN TELLING

**Working Mom**  
Above right: Underwood with Jacob in a January Instagram post. Right: at the CALIA office looking at the upcoming fall/winter line.





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# The Secrets of Ariana's Stage Style

ARIANA GRANDE'S STYLIST REVEALS THE INSPIRATIONS BEHIND HER CONCERT LOOKS—FROM *CLUELESS* TO *TINKER BELL*

When you see Ariana Grande on the job, her stylist Law Roach says, you will notice four things: a ponytail, crop top, A-line miniskirt and over-the-knee boots. "This is the DNA of the Ariana look," says Roach, who has worked with the pop star, 25, since 2015. "She's made these elements iconic." So when they teamed up for her Sweetener world tour, which kicked off March 18, Roach's fashion approach was to "take her authentic blueprint and make it feel fresh and elevated." The result is a mix of designs that play to her signatures while also being "absolutely feminine and superpowerful," he says. "I want girls to see her and realize they too can become iconic by staying authentic to who they are."

—SHARON KANTER

## Fairy-Tale Fashion



### THE MAGIC OF TINKER BELL

Roach played on the star's love of the Disney icon for this pink two-piece design by Ngo, paired with white boots. "Ariana's really into fantasy movies and characters, and this is the ultimate whimsical look," he says. "I just want to call her fairy princess."



### MEET HER STYLIST

Law Roach, who also styles Zendaya, Tiffany Haddish and Anne Hathaway, says it's a "true collaboration" working with Grande. "She's very aware of what she looks good in, but she also gives me the creative freedom to dream."



## Bold Bra Top

### WARRIOR WOMAN

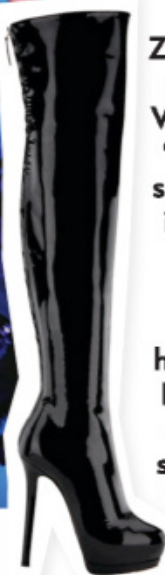
Stylist Roach wanted to deliver a range of "warrior-princess armor" for Grande, including this orange bra top by Michael Ngo paired with a skirt and boots by Unravel. (Inset: a sketch by Unravel.)



## Vampy Versace

### POWER HEELS

Grande accessorizes her looks in 6-in. double platforms, some custom-made by Giuseppe Zanotti (shown paired with a Versace dress). "Every single shoe she wears is a platform, and to this day I have never heard her complain," Roach says of the 5-ft.-tall star. "I call her Magic Feet."



## Throwback Moment



### HOMAGE TO CLUELESS

Inspired by Grande's '90s-themed music video for "thank u, next," Roach worked with Versace to create a plaid look worthy of Alicia Silverstone's Cher Horowitz character in *Clueless*. "The team at Versace had someone fly the costumes in from Milan to hand-deliver them to me," he says.







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# Stories to Make You Smile!

## A rescued calf and an Australian shepherd **forge a special bond**

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Some things are just meant to be. From the day Calvin, a 10-day-old calf, was rescued from a dairy farm and arrived at Canada's Black Goat Farm and Sanctuary in July 2018, he has been best buds with Lincoln, the sanctuary's 9-year-old Australian shepherd. "Lincoln would watch over Calvin while he slept and lick his face," says Megan Mostacci, 28, cofounder of the sanctuary. "He has always been a gentle, laid-back dog." These days, with Calvin now tipping the scales at about 600 lbs., the two remain inseparable—and "amazing friends," says Mostacci. "They don't care that they're different looking, they just care about having fun together!"

Calvin (left) and Lincoln balance "relaxing and playing together," says Mostacci.

Lincoln (right) stuck close to Calvin when he first arrived.

## A teacher makes a fashion statement with a class art project

HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

McAuliffe Elementary School art teacher Rebecca Bonner wanted to "draw" attention to her students' work, so she bought a new white dress and asked the 580 kids she teaches to doodle on it. "I thought, my kids are really good artists, so we're totally going to smash this," says Bonner, 46, who wore the dress to the school's annual art show. Soon afterward Bonner's daughter Charlece Lake, 20, posted the photos on Twitter, and the dress became a social media hit. "I tell my students, 'I'm not famous, your dress is famous,'" says Bonner. "I'm so proud of them."

Bonner hopes the dress helps keep art education in schools.

## A brief encounter in an Uber leads to a happily-ever-after ending

ST. LOUIS

You never know when—or where—romantic sparks will fly. And for Jared Thomas, 31, and Micaela O'Toole, 30, their love story began in the front seat of an Uber—when O'Toole, then a driver, picked up Thomas and some friends on their way to a music festival in September 2016. While they were chatting, Thomas says, "we could tell there was a connection, but I didn't want to be the creepy guy asking for my Uber driver's number." Luckily a month later they crossed paths on Bumble (the dating app)—and on March 16 they wed in Washington, D.C. Says O'Toole: "Within a week we knew we wanted to get married—so we've been waiting for this moment for a long time."

Thomas and O'Toole on their wedding day.





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Tatyana Ali, above, and with Will Smith, left, on *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

## Babies

*Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*'s **Tatyana Ali**, 40, announced she is expecting her second child with husband **Dr. Vaughn Rasberry**, 40. The couple are also parents to 2-year-old son **Edward**.

● The *Young and the Restless* star **Kelly Kruger**, 34, and the *Bold and the Beautiful* actor **Darin Brooks**, 34,

are expecting their first child. They wed in 2016.

● Actress **Teresa Palmer** welcomed her third child with husband **Mark Webber**, a daughter named **Poet Lake**. They also share sons **Forest Sage**, 2, and **Bodhi Rain**, 5, while Webber is dad to **Isaac**, 10, from a previous relationship. ● Country star **Kane Brown**, 25, and wife **Katelyn**, 26, are expecting their first child six months after their October 2018 wedding.

## Split

Comedian and longtime Conan O'Brien sidekick **Andy Richter**, 52, and comedy writer and actress **Sarah Thyre**, 50, announced they're divorcing after 25 years of marriage. They share son **William**, 18, and daughter **Mercy**, 12.

## Health

**Joan Collins**, 85, and husband **Percy Gibson**, 54, were treated for smoke inhalation and are unhurt after a fire broke out in their London apartment.

## Crime

WikiLeaks founder **Julian Assange**, 47, was arrested at the Ecuadorian embassy in London, where he had been living in asylum for seven years. He faces extradition to the U.S. for his role in publishing a vast amount of classified and secret material.

## Deaths

Actress **Georgia Engel**, who played Georgette Franklin Baxter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, died in Princeton, N.J., on April 15.



Georgia Engel

She was 70. ● Country singer **Earl Thomas Conley**, whose '80s hits included "Holding Her and Loving You," died at 77. ● British comedian **Ian Cognito** died onstage during a show. He was 60. ● Swedish actress **Bibi Andersson**, known for 1966's *Persona* and other movies with director Ingmar Bergman, died at 83.

By Ale Russian



**Happy Birthday!**  
**Barbra Streisand**, 77  
April 24, 1942  
**Renée Zellweger**, 50  
April 25, 1969  
**Channing Tatum**, 39  
April 26, 1980

## A Fire at Notre Dame

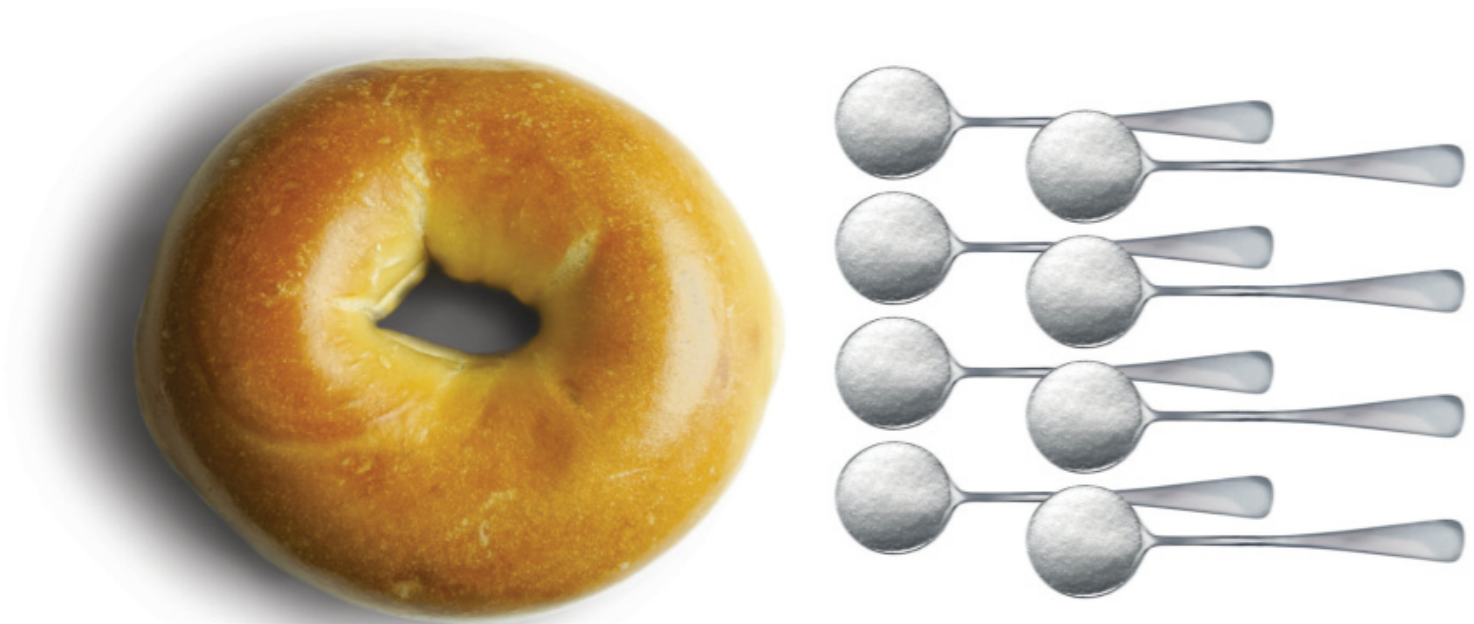
The world watched in horror as the famed cathedral in Paris went up in flames



On April 15 weeping crowds gathered and prayed as one of the world's most iconic buildings became engulfed in flames after a blaze reportedly broke out in the attic. The fire at the cathedral, which took 182 years to build and opened in 1345, overtook its spire, which toppled as two thirds of the wooden roof collapsed. The structure and many artworks were saved, though, thanks to around 500 firefighters. Vowed French president Emmanuel Macron: "We will rebuild this cathedral all together." —A.R.







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A now-revealed convergence in their family trees spells trouble for fan favorites Daenerys (Clarke) and Jon (Harington).

# People picks

THE BEST STUFF TO WATCH, READ & LISTEN TO THIS WEEK!

Edited by Tom Gliatto

## TV | Game of Thrones

As the HBO colossus launches season 8, winter is no longer coming—it's here

**FANTASY** The battle for the Iron Throne has finally resumed! After a two-year hiatus, the most-watched show on television has returned with its six final episodes, starting with a table-setting premiere to refresh viewers on major plot points: defining the rival players in the coming war (the houses of Stark, Lannister and Targaryen); delineating who is (temporarily) aligned with whom; and prepping us for the terrible reckoning that seems certain, even for the good guys. So far we've gotten several fan payoffs, including long-awaited reunions (Arya with the Hound!) and one big development that will have everyone wondering what's going to happen to Daenerys (Emilia Clarke) and Jon Snow (Kit Harington). Love was in the air for them early on, and it was easy to imagine these two noble characters heading for the altar and maybe even that throne. Now, thanks to a surprise kink in their bloodlines, battle lines seem more destined to be drawn up than a marriage contract. So who *will* survive to rule Westeros? Other contenders include Cersei (Lena Headey), her brother Tyrion (Peter Dinklage) and Sansa Stark (Sophie Turner). Before we get the answer, though, the humans (and Daenerys's dragons) will take on the demon White Walkers (they have a dragon too) in an epic clash. That's sure to be another *Thrones* jaw-dropping event. Between now and then, the only thing to do is savor the final hours of the most ambitious TV show ever. Game on. (HBO, Sundays, 9 p.m.)

**'A terrible reckoning seems certain, even for the good guys'**

Harington takes a dragon for a spin—or maybe vice versa.





## Sara Bareilles

### Taking a Stand

The pop star, 39, gets political on her new LP *Amidst the Chaos*

After making her Broadway debut in the hit musical *Waitress* (she wrote the Tony-nominated score), Bareilles is back with her first album in four years—with songs both empowering and topical. “A big turning point for me was the election and the Women’s March,” she says. “I came back with a deeper sense of personal awakening and wanted to talk about the world in music again.” —JEFF NELSON



Sanaa Lathan in the “Replay” episode. Peele (inset) is both host and an executive producer.

### CBS ALL ACCESS | The Twilight Zone

**FANTASY** The classic series, which aired from 1959 to 1964, gets retrofitted for an age in which half-hour black-and-white exercises in the eerie ironic don’t quite cut it. After all, we have *Black Mirror* and bestselling dystopian teen fiction. The first four episodes (including a new take on the most famous tale, “Nightmare at 20,000 Feet”) look great, boast impeccable casts and generate that familiar *Twilight* frisson—although “Replay,” about racism experienced in a time loop, has a far nastier sting. The strangest new ingredient is *Us* director Jordan Peele as host and narrator. Unlike the original’s Rod Serling, who always seemed pleased with his own omniscience, Peele is unreadable, maybe slightly hostile—is he joking or what? (New episodes Thursdays)

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## Q&A

### Ed Helms

The actor and comedian, 45, narrates the new nature documentary *Penguins* (right)

**The footage is incredible. How did you get involved in the movie?**

The directors spent two years in Antarctica making it, and I just did my part over a few days in a recording booth. But the booth was a little over-air-conditioned, so I felt it too.

**How do you think you're most like Steve, the movie's penguin hero?**

We're both dads to little kids and we're both pretty clueless, but we're doing our best. And I think we're both really well-intentioned. I developed a very personal relationship with Steve. I feel like he's my buddy now.

**The *Office* premiered back in 2005, but now a whole new generation is obsessed with it. How does it feel to be part of such a beloved show?**

I'm blown away by little kids—who weren't even born when it ran—who come up to me, and they're the biggest fans. It's wild.

—ALE RUSSIAN



### MOVIE | Penguins

**NATURE** Get ready to fall in love with Steve—as he's called in this stunning Disney film shot in Antarctica. Steve is a clumsy Adélie penguin making his yearly trek from open ocean waters to higher ground in order to mate. With Ed Helms narrating Steve's thoughts on life, love and fatherhood, *Penguins* is fun family entertainment. (April 17, G)

### TV | Billboard Music Awards

Mariah Carey, queen of the five-octave range and proud claimant to 18 No. 1 *Billboard* hits, will receive the Icon Award. Rapper Cardi B has tallied up the most nominees for the night—21, just shy of the record 22 set by Drake and the Chain-smokers. Other contenders include Ed Sheeran, Drake, Post Malone and Taylor Swift. Kelly Clarkson hosts for the second year in a row. (NBC, May 1, 8 p.m.)



Clockwise from top left: Cardi B, Drake, Carey, Sheeran and Malone.

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**Q&A**

**Torrey DeVitto**

The 34-year-old actress plays Dr. Natalie Manning on NBC's *Chicago Med*

**Congrats on getting through a terrible winter in Chicago!**

I'm finally feeling some sun. It's thrilling.

**After four seasons, what have you learned from Natalie?**

She taught me that anything is possible, like being a working single mom—that you really can have it all. And also I've learned that it's okay to be alone.



**Does that mean you've thought about being a mom yourself?**

Oh my gosh, yes. Whether I find the right guy or not, I'm planning on having hopefully two kids before I'm 40. I've wanted kids more than anything else. That's definitely a priority.

—BREANNE L. HELDMAN



Jones as a 19th-century woman rebelling against sexual convention.

**TV | Gentleman Jack**

**DRAMA** “Are you a man?” a boy asks Anne Lister (Suranne Jones). “No,” she answers carefully. “I am not a man. I am a lady.” But Miss Lister would have it otherwise. An unmarried woman in Halifax in the 1830s, she cuts a strikingly masculine figure in her black walking clothes. She runs her property—she deems Papa incompetent—while hunting for a wife. This true story of sexual politics and gender identity charges along with brisk intelligence. It's a period piece for now. (HBO, April 22, 10 p.m.)



Welliver (left) and Jamie Hector

**AMAZON | Bosch**

**DRAMA** Homicide detective Bosch (Titus Welliver) is back, his mouth and eyes set at maximum grimness. But that's good: If the guy ever grabbed his belly and howled with laughter, we'd be up a creek. This time Bosch goes undercover to infiltrate a narcotics ring. (Launches April 19)

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MUSIC |

**Lizzo, Cuz  
I Love You**

**R&B/RAP** Lizzo's exceptional third album opens with an epic title track, which updates Otis Redding's classic R&B sound for the hip-hop age. Elsewhere the funk of "Exactly How I Feel" gives guest Gucci Mane an unusually sunny backdrop, while the relentless beat on "Tempo" is one of the year's best and sets up a rap verse for Missy Elliott. (April 19)



NETFLIX |

**Someone Great**

**COMEDY** For Jenny (Gina Rodriguez) the news is good and bad, career-making yet heart-breaking. She's leaving Manhattan for a great job in San Francisco, but her boyfriend (Lakeith Stanfield) won't go. This sweet film is about how Jenny resolves to move on, up and out. (Launches April 19)



DaWanda Wise (left), Rodriguez and Brittany Snow

**The Chilling  
Adventures of  
Sabrina's  
Tati Gabrielle**

When she began playing formidable witch Prudence on Netflix's supernatural hit (now in season 2), the San Francisco native had one fear: "People would think that I was a—excuse my French—bitch and be intimidated by me." But Gabrielle, 23, is goth on-set only: "I'm a very bubbly, light person." —HELEN MURPHY



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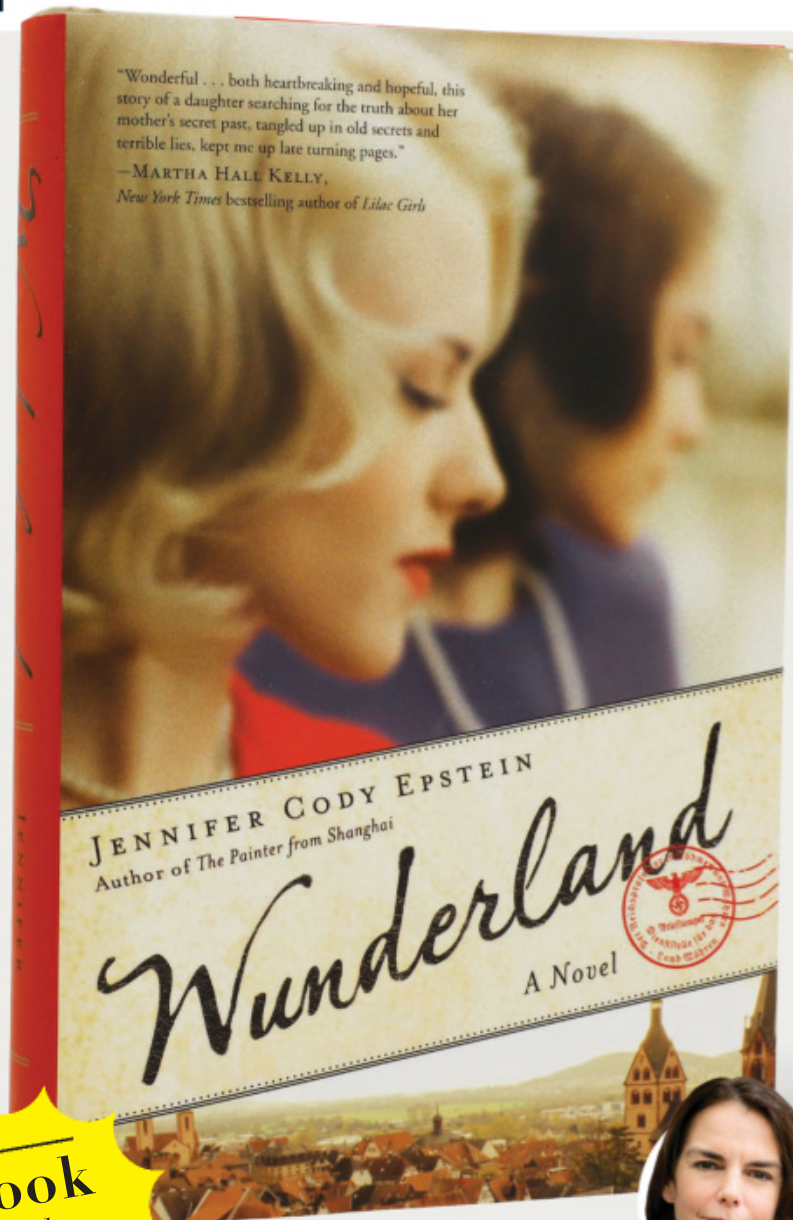




# The Best New Books

A haunting tale of Nazism's deadly reach, a gripping courtroom drama and a hilarious primer on southern womanhood

Edited by **Kim Hubbard**



book  
of the  
week

## Jennifer Cody Epstein *Wonderland* NOVEL

The title of this searing account of life in Nazi Germany alludes to *Alice's Adventures*—and the surreal feeling of watching what you thought was true exposed as false. In 1930s Berlin childhood friends Ilse and Renate are inseparable until the Nazis' racial-purification policies make them enemies. Decades later Ilse's estranged daughter receives a stack of letters, written to Renate but never delivered, which reveal just how tragically the girls' friendship ended. Inspired by the memoir of a Hitler Youth member, it's a heartbreaking page-turner.



## Angie Kim *Miracle Creek* NOVEL

A Virginia courtroom is the setting for this elegant edge-of-your seat debut, but the real pressure here comes from the explosion of a hyperbaric oxygen chamber visited by hopeful patients hoping to find relief. Instead two people die. Who's responsible? And most importantly, what unique desperation led each character to this experimental "submarine" in the woods?



## Helen Ellis *Southern Lady Code* ESSAYS

It's hard to adequately describe these delightful autobiographical essays. Maybe that's because Alabama-born Ellis's take on southern manners and mores is a unique blend of sardonic and sincere. More likely it's because it's tricky to formulate sentences when you're laughing this hard. ("I looked so preppy," she writes, "you'd guess my tramp stamp was a monogram.") Dig in.

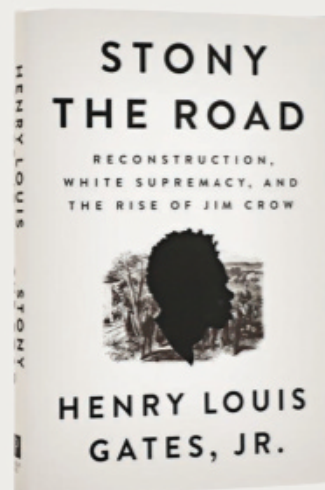


## New in Paperback

**Chanel Cleeton**  
*When We Left Cuba*  
This Reese Witherspoon book club pick about an exiled Cuban sugar heiress in 1960s Florida has sex, drama, suspense... and pairs perfectly with a mojito.

**E.L. James**  
*The Mister*  
The *50 Shades of Grey* author is back, this time introducing a British playboy who falls hard for his new maid. No handcuffs this time, but passion aplenty.

**Maggie O'Farrell**  
*I Am, I Am, I Am*  
A childhood illness, a near-miss with a murderer while hiking—Irish writer O'Farrell has had 17 brushes with death in her life. Her recounting of them is unputdownable.



## Eye-opener

**Henry Louis Gates Jr.**  
*Stony the Road*  
Gates traces the roots of white supremacy to the racist backlash against Reconstruction after the Civil War. A necessary—and disturbingly relevant—read.







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## DAY IN COURT

Lori Loughlin, her husband, Massimo Giannulli (second from right), and their legal team leaving Boston federal court on April 3.





Lori Loughlin

# PAYING THE PRICE

The *Full House* actress lived a charmed (and wealthy) life with her husband and 2 daughters. Then came indictments in a national **college cheating scam**. Inside her family crisis and the high-pressure lifestyle that may have caused her to go too far *By* EMILY STROHM

LEFT: JESSICA RINALDI/THE BOSTON GLOBE/GETTY IMAGES





## A FAMILY OF PRIVILEGE

"As parents, they have always wanted the best for their daughters, and they like to show off," says a family source. Top right: the couple's \$35 million home. Right: Giannulli in 2002 at a Mossimo Target event.



For a woman facing up to 20 years in prison, Lori Loughlin appeared surprisingly unfazed. Heading into a Boston courthouse on April 3, where she faced a charge for mail fraud after her alleged participation in a massive college-admissions scandal, the *Fuller House* star, 54, cheerfully signed autographs and posed for photos with fans. In the week that followed, rather than hunker down at home amid the media frenzy, she continued to step out for yoga and Pilates classes, lunches with friends and even mundane tasks like going to the car wash. But on April 9, after she and her husband, fashion designer J. Mossimo Giannulli, 55, were slapped with a charge of money laundering and a possible additional two decades in prison, Loughlin's calm exterior began to crumble. A neighborhood source says she seemed "out of it" after leaving her Bel Air home one morning only to drive around in circles for more than an hour as she talked on the phone. "Lori is realizing for the first time the magnitude of the situation," says a close friend of Loughlin's. "She's scared."

Loughlin never thought she'd face jail time for her part in the nationwide scam, in which 50



## STILL SMILING

"Lori loves her fans and would never deny an autograph," says a family source. Right: protesters outside the Boston courthouse on April 3.



people were indicted for falsifying everything from SAT scores to athletic-team participation in order to gain acceptance to colleges including Yale, Georgetown and Stanford. The actress and Giannulli allegedly paid \$500,000 to admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer to help falsely designate their daughters Olivia Jade, 19, and Isabella Rose, 20, as recruits to the University of Southern California crew team, despite the fact that neither had ever participated in the sport. While the couple were among those included in the initial indictment (14 defendants, including *Desperate Housewives* star Felicity Huffman, agreed on April 8 to

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plead guilty; see sidebar), Loughlin and Giannulli declined a plea deal, only to face the new money-laundering charge (they are accused of having funneled their payment into a fake charity established by Singer), raising the stakes considerably. A source familiar with legal discussions in the case says the couple were offered a plea agreement that would have led to a sentence of 18 to 24 months under the federal sentencing guidelines before the money-laundering charge was added. But instead they pleaded not guilty on April 15. “They weren’t ready to accept that,” says the legal source, who also notes that the couple have resisted any agreements that would result in jail time. (Loughlin and Giannulli theoretically face a maximum of 40 years in prison each, but the legal source says the chances of their serving consecutive sentences are low.)

“It’s just taking some time for it to sink in that what she was allegedly doing could be considered illegal,” says the legal source. “To [Loughlin] it wasn’t egregious behavior. Was it entitled and selfish? Perhaps. But she didn’t see it as being a legal violation. From the beginning she didn’t want to take a deal, because she felt that she hadn’t done anything that any mom wouldn’t have done if she had the means to do so.” Her decision to decline the deal seems to have backfired. “At the time, she didn’t really realize how serious the charges were,” says the legal source. “Now she’s willing to negotiate, but the prosecution says that the deal

## the scam by the numbers

**33**  
parents indicted

**\$500,000**  
amount  
Loughlin and  
Giannulli allegedly  
spent for their  
daughters to gain  
admission to USC

**20**  
years in prison  
possible for each  
charge

**\$750,000**  
minimum  
fine for Loughlin  
and Giannulli

is off the table. The only choice they’ve got is to plead not guilty. That’s all they can do.”

The reality of her situation has made Loughlin “sick,” the source close to the actress says. “The very last thing she wants is for this to become a long, drawn-out trial. That’s literally the worst-case scenario for her. It would be a nightmare.” A trial would also mean Olivia and Isabella likely would have to take the stand, something Loughlin would like to avoid. “She is very concerned about what a trial would do to her daughters. It will undermine every accomplishment they have in their future, and it will be a part of their story forever,” adds the legal source. “Lori is afraid they will have to testify. That will traumatize them even more.”

**‘THE SCANDAL  
HAS PUT  
UNSPEAKABLE  
STRESS ON  
THE FAMILY’**  
—LOUGHLIN  
SOURCE



**Born into a humble Irish Catholic family, Loughlin** was raised in Hauppauge, N.Y., on Long Island by her homemaker mother, Lorelee, and her father, Joseph Roy, a foreman for the telephone company. Joanne Douglas, who worked with Loughlin in the beginning of her career, says she had “an extremely happy home life” and describes her as “honest, decent and kind... the daughter every mother hoped to have.” At 15, Loughlin was cast



## ONE DAY AT A TIME

Right now Loughlin’s daughters Olivia (left) and Isabella (in 2015) are “just focused on getting through this ordeal,” says a family source.



in the ABC soap opera *The Edge of Night*, and she went on to appear in a number of feature films and television guest spots until she landed her role as Aunt Becky on *Full House* in 1988. “She always projected that image of being America’s sweetheart and being a very squeaky-clean, straight-arrow kind of person,” says Douglas.

Loughlin married investment banker Michael Burns in 1989, but they split seven years later. On Thanksgiving 1997 she eloped with Giannulli, and they started a family. Thanks in part to the success of Giannulli’s wildly popular clothing brand Mossimo—and its subsequent licensing agreement with Target—the couple enjoyed a lavish lifestyle in Bel Air complete with a \$35 million mansion. Their two daughters attended the best private schools, and as the couple’s wealth and status increased, so did the pressure to compete with those around them, particularly when it came to their children’s education. “From the outside Lori’s family looks perfect. They are wealthy and successful, live in a gorgeous mansion, and their daughters are beautiful. But they are also surrounded by families who are even more affluent,” says a family source. “These are the families Lori was trying to keep up with. For most people they socialize with, schools are very important. Parents brag about their children’s schools all the time. USC became her obsession. There was no other way—they needed to be at USC.”

So when given the opportunity to buy her children’s way into the institution, Loughlin allegedly jumped, risking that seemingly perfect life for two guaranteed spots at the coveted school. In a world where donations go a long way, the high-powered couple may very well have achieved the same result given their connections and wealth, but the allure of Singer’s guaranteed get-in-quick scheme may have proved too tempting. “Lori has always

## Careers in Crisis: What Happens Next



### FULLER HOUSE

While Loughlin was never a full-time cast member on the popular Netflix spinoff, the network declined to comment on whether the actress’s Aunt Becky character will make a return. Production on the final season has yet to begin.



### WHEN CALLS THE HEART

The Hallmark Channel swiftly cut ties with Loughlin in the wake of her arrest. “We are saddened by the recent news,” the network said in a statement. The series resumes airing on May 5 without the star and has been renewed for season 7.



### BEAUTY BRANDS

Loughlin’s daughter Olivia Jade, a YouTube star and Instagram influencer, lost partnership deals with Sephora, TRESemmé and Estée Lauder Companies. She “just wants to figure out how she can rebuild her brand,” says a family source.

**‘LORI IS TRYING HER BEST TO KEEP IT TOGETHER’**  
—FAMILY SOURCE

been a no-nonsense, seemingly together woman who knows what she wants and goes for it with zest,” says a Hollywood source.

Loughlin was also motivated by the desire to give her daughters what she never had growing up: She didn’t attend college, and while Giannulli studied architecture and business at USC, he dropped out in 1987. Even though her daughter Olivia expressed little interest in academics and



### TAKING THE BLAME

“My desire to help my daughter is no excuse to break the law or engage in dishonesty,” Huffman said.

## Why Felicity’s Pleading Guilty

Felicity Huffman and 13 other defendants opted to plead guilty to a mail-fraud charge in the college-admissions scandal on April 8. The *Desperate Housewives* star, who worked with Rick Singer to have an SAT-test proctor secretly correct her daughter’s answers, will submit her plea formally in federal court in Boston on May 21. “I am in full acceptance of my guilt, and with deep regret and shame over what I have done, I accept full responsibility for my actions and will accept the consequences,” Huffman, 56, said in a statement. Huffman’s guilty plea lowers the U.S. Attorney’s calculated “offense level” and helps her argue for a shorter, or nonexistent, prison term. In the meantime, a source says, the actress and her husband, William H. Macy, who was not charged in the scandal, remain united.





### NEXT STEPS

Loughlin (on April 10) “is amenable to discussing how to put this behind everyone now,” says a legal source. “She’s ready for this to go away.”

already had established herself as a YouTube star and social media influencer, Loughlin “really wanted to pretend that the girls got into USC themselves,” says a family source. After hearing about Singer through a friend who said he’d helped several families in her circle get into first-choice schools, Loughlin was allegedly on board. “The fact that Lori agreed to go along with Rick’s plan is just shocking,” adds the family source. “She comes across as very prim and proper. She is the type of mom that many are jealous of. She is gorgeous, in great shape, and lives a glamorous life, but she is also very competitive, and this seems to have been her downfall.”



**Neither Olivia nor Isabella returned to USC last month after the indictments were handed down, and they have no plans to do so. In the wake of the scandal, rumors have swirled that Loughlin’s relationship with her children is strained. On April 4 the family source said Olivia was still “distracted, embarrassed and very angry with her parents,” but a longtime friend insists the mother-daughter bond remains intact. “Lori always had a very special relationship with both daughters. They are a tight, loving family, and this will not change any of that.” As for her marriage to Giannulli, their legal troubles have taken a toll, and “they are both feeling very stressed out, and it’s hard for them to think about other things right now.” But the family source adds that “Mossimo has always been crazy about Lori and done everything for her. She loves her husband and her children very much.”**

**‘SHE STILL BELIEVES THAT SHE DESERVES A FAIR OUTCOME’**

—LOUGHLIN SOURCE

Now Loughlin and Giannulli are lying low as they “thoughtfully” consider their next steps. “She will continue to make a good-faith effort to put this case behind her, and she hopes the prosecutors will do the same,” says the legal source. For Loughlin, whose career has already taken a hit (see sidebar), what matters most is the opinion of her daughters. “She is very concerned about what a guilty plea would do to her daughters, who may not have grasped everything that was going on,” adds the legal source. “Yes, she can think about the public perception of her, but that’s nothing compared to what her daughters think of her.”

With reporting by **Liz McNeil, Steve Helling, Linda Marx** and **Pernilla Cedenheim**





# The melt that stops meltdowns.



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Jenna Johnson and Valentin Chmerkovskiy are used to performing intricate choreography in front of millions on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*—but their life together is far less rehearsed. For their April 13 wedding at the Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., they opted to keep their first dance as husband and wife—set to “La Vie en Rose”—simple and intimate. “All I wanted to do was slow dance with my husband,” says Johnson, 25. “I’m sure many people expected a produced dance, but we wanted to keep it genuine and real.”

Dance has been at the center of the couple's relationship since the begin-

DWTS'  
*Val Chmerkovskiy  
& Jenna Johnson*

# Perfect Partners

THE *DANCING WITH THE STARS* PROS EXCHANGED VOWS IN A CLIFFSIDE CEREMONY SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FELLOW DANCERS

By CHRISTINA DUGAN

## A Family Affair

The groom's older brother Maksim Chmerkovskiy (right) served as best man, while his 2-year-old son with wife Peta Murgatroyd, Shai, was a ring bearer in the wedding.







## Vows with a View

### Dream Wedding

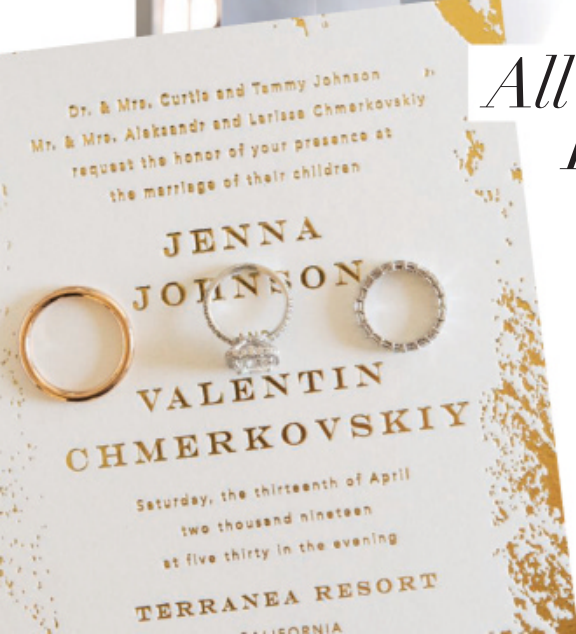
While saying their “I dos” with a breathtaking backdrop was important to the couple, “meaningful” traditions—like the breaking of the glass (left)—were vital to the couple, says Johnson, who wore a headpiece/veil by Bridal Styles Boutique. “I was definitely the most emotional during the ceremony,” she adds.



## All the Details!

### Perfect Bands, Perfect Pair

After their engagement the couple flew to New York to pick their wedding bands (left), which were designed by Jacob & Co. Chmerkovskiy went with a “classic thin gold band,” while Johnson “matched” her cushion-cut engagement ring. Minted created the duo’s invitations. Above, the bridal bouquet and boutonniere were punctuated with ranunculus.



ning. As a *DWTS* rookie in 2014, Johnson, a Utah native and *So You Think You Can Dance* alum, walked into her first rehearsal not expecting to meet her forever love. After Chmerkovskiy, who has been dancing on the competition series since 2011, introduced himself, Johnson was immediately “hooked. He doesn’t really believe in those fairy tales and I didn’t either, until it happened to me,” she says. After almost five years of dating (the duo briefly split in February 2017 but rekindled their romance a few months later), Chmerkovskiy, 33, proposed in Venice last summer. “It was a pinch-me, beautiful moment,” the Ukraine native says. Adds Johnson with a laugh: “It took him four years, but he figured it out.”

**‘I kiss her now as husband and wife, and it’s so much better’**

—VAL CHMERKOVSKIY

Ten months later they were wed in front of 200 of their closest friends and family, including Chmerkovskiy’s brother and former *DWTS* pro Maksim Chmerkovskiy and his wife, fellow *DWTS* pro Peta Murgatroyd. The ceremony, officiated by longtime Johnson family friend Eric Bell, took





### Impressive Displays

The celebration, which was planned by Chmerkovskiy's "grooms-lady" Nicole Volynets, included a floral ceiling of more than 10,000 stems designed by Shawna Yamamoto Event Design and a five-tier cake created by Vanilla Bake Shop.



## *An Evening of Romance*



### Dancing the Night Away

"All we wanted to do was take it all in and see each other," Chmerkovskiy says of his first dance with Johnson.



### An Epic Reunion

The *DWTS* family came out in force, including Johnson's former partner and "brides-man" Adam Rippon.





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place on a cliff overlooking the ocean. “I was so nervous until I saw Jenna, and then all that went away,” the groom, dressed in a custom black velvet tuxedo designed by Brooks Brothers, admits. “I became calm but so excited at the same time.” Johnson, who wore a classic, long-sleeved Vera Wang gown, was overcome with emotion. “Sharing my vows with Val and hearing his vows made me sob like a baby,” she says. Once the tears were dried, the couple led their blended families into an elegant reception, where Johnson—in a short-sleeved party dress by Tony Ward from Kleinfeld—and her father, Curt, sur-

**‘I look forward to every single second, day and moment together’**

—JENNA JOHNSON

prised everyone with a little dance of their own, set to Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars’s “Uptown Funk.” “My dad nailed it,” Johnson says. “The look on Val’s face was absolutely priceless.”

Many of the couple’s former *DWTS* partners—including Rumer Willis,

Ginger Zee, Laurie Hernandez, Norman Kordei and Johnson’s “bridesman” Adam Rippon—also hit the dance floor. With *DWTS* returning in the fall, the couple is taking in every moment of newlywed bliss and looking forward to forever. “I can’t wait to continue to grow and build together,” says Chmerkovskiy. “This is just the beginning.” ●



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## FAMILY TRAGEDY

A jury found Sarah (far right) and Jennifer Hart (center) guilty of murdering their kids (from left) Hannah, Abigail, Sierra, Jeremiah, Devonte and Markis and killing themselves in a plunge off a California cliff.

## 2 Mothers, 6 Kids Plunge to Death

# A FAMILY'S DARK SECRETS UNCOVERED

Sarah and Jennifer Hart seemed to have a perfect life with the 6 children they adopted. But a year after their deaths, police reveal the shocking plot that drove them to kill *By* **SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL**





## REVVING ENGINE, DESPERATE SCREAMS

A camper near the crash site (the Harts' SUV, inset) told police that around 3 a.m. on March 26 he heard an engine revving, tires on gravel and someone yelling for help, but he couldn't see over the cliff in the dark.

**T**he “Hart tribe,” as Sarah and Jennifer Hart called the family they had made, regularly set off in Jen’s SUV “adventuremobile” for outings she turned into glossy Facebook posts—taking the six children they had adopted on 30 hikes in 30 days or a “Random Acts of Kindness tour” of walking shelter dogs and picking up trash. But the impromptu

54-hour road trip that the family began in the dark of night on March 23, 2018, was different. One of their first stops, as Jen piloted the gold Yukon SUV away from the family’s latest home in Woodland, Wash., and toward the cliffside southbound Pacific Coast Highway, was at a Walmart. There, according to police, Sarah bought a bottle of generic Benadryl. Within hours she was on her phone—not posting a travelogue to social media but plotting death.

“What will happen when overdosing with Benadryl?” Sarah Googled at one point. At another:

“How long does it take to die from hypothermia in water while drowning in a car?” By the afternoon of March 26 California Highway Patrol discovered the SUV upside down in the crashing surf beneath a 100-ft. cliff off the roadway. Both moms were found dead inside, and three of the children were dead nearby; the other three presumed dead. The local Mendocino County sheriff Tom Allman swiftly decided it was no accident, and disbelieving friends reeled. “What did we miss?” asked friend Zippy Lomax. Another, Riannah Weaver, told *People*, “Maybe we didn’t know them at all.”

**‘THIS CASE IS  
A SHOCK TO  
THE NATION’S  
CONSCIENCE’**

—SHERIFF TOM  
ALLMAN



**Whatever those friends didn’t see,** investigators were determined to uncover. In the year since the crash they have pieced together—through search warrants, records searches and interviews—a troubling trail of marital strain, mental illness and child-abuse allegations





## PICTURE PERFECT

Family friend Nusheen Bakhtiar described the Hart kids (top, from left, Sierra, Jeremiah, Abigail, Devonte, Hannah and Markis) as curious and resourceful. Jennifer (on left, with Sarah) often posted on Facebook, showing the family's bonding moments, but after their deaths police found the Hart home sparse, without family pics, keepsakes or any sign that children lived there.

that followed Jen and Sarah from Minnesota to Oregon to Washington State right up until the very day they fled their Woodland home. With no one to put on trial, Allman, who also serves as Mendocino's coroner, took the unusual step of convening 14 jurors and presenting evidence in a two-day coroner's inquest. The jury's unanimous finding on April 4 was Jen and Sarah, both 38, killed their six children—Markis, 19; Hannah, 16; Devonte, 15; Jeremiah and Abigail, both 14; and Sierra, 12—in a murder-suicide by intentionally driving off the ocean-side cliff.

Details of the moms' plot were horrifying. Jen was driving drunk, and Sarah had toxic levels of the antihistamine Benadryl in her system. The children, none of them wearing seat belts, were "more than likely unconscious or asleep" from excessive doses of the generic Benadryl, California Highway Patrol Officer Jake Slates testified. (Markis had more than 19 doses in his system.) Abigail's body bore preexisting bruises, suggesting she was abused up until her

murder. All six children were ejected from the vehicle on impact; three of their bodies were recovered at the scene, Sierra was found later. All that washed up of Hannah was her foot, and Devonte's remains have not been found at all. "This was more than a crime," says Allman, the sheriff. "This was an out-and-out conspiracy to kill six kids." Even worse, says Allman, if child-abuse reporting was shared among the states, the kids might still be alive: "These la-

dies were always one step ahead of Child Protective Services."



**After meeting the Harts in 2013, Nusheen Bakhtiar** felt like she got to see the imperfect family behind the happy Facebook veneer. Yes, the kids—two sets of biological siblings adopted three at a time before Jen and Sarah married in 2009—happily played with their menagerie of pets, cared about current events and "danced unapologetically," Bakhtiar says. "But there was the reality of what it was like to be two lesbians and six black children." She says bigots came out of the woodwork when the family gained some fame after a photo of Devonte went viral (see box). Sarah, who worked as a retail manager, and Jen, a stay-at-home mom who struggled with depression, felt alone. "They thought that if they reached out



## A BOY'S CRY FOR HELP?

The Hart family was thrust into the national spotlight after Devonte, 12 at the time, was photographed embracing police Sgt. Bret Barnum at a 2014 protest over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Mo. An emotional Devonte had been carrying a "Free Hugs" sign when Barnum asked for a hug. The photo went viral and was dubbed "the hug shared around the world," but after the crash some wondered if it might have also been a cry for help.





In their social media posts the Harts (in 2015) “lived this joyful, charmed life,” says friend Zippy Lomax.

for help,” says Bakhtiar, “the kids would be taken.”

But CPS records uncovered during the inquest show it was the kids who needed help. Between 2010 and '11 Minnesota Child Welfare received six reports of abuse or neglect by Jen and Sarah, including from a teacher concerned about bruises on Abigail, then 6. In April 2011 Sarah

pleaded guilty to assaulting the girl and received a year of supervised probation. Soon after, the moms switched all six kids to homeschooling. At least one child-services report against the Harts in Oregon remains sealed.

In Woodland neighbors Dana and Bruce DeKalb still struggle with their decision to report the Harts. In March 2018, seven months after Hannah stormed into the DeKalbs' home in the early morning hours, begging to be protected from her “abusive” moms (see box), Devonte began secretly coming around for food, telling Dana and Bruce that his moms withheld food as punishment. On that March 23 Dana called CPS. Jen's gold SUV was in the driveway when a caseworker knocked

**‘THERE’S A LOT OF DOUBT AND CONFUSION. IT HURTS. IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE’**

—HART FRIEND  
RIANNAH  
WEAVER

at the Harts' door. No one answered, so the caseworker stuck her business card in the door. When investigators returned the next day, the business card, the SUV and the family—already on their fateful drive—were gone. “Because I reported, they took off and killed these kids,” Dana says. Sheriff Allman blames only the Harts—and a patchwork system of oversight that

allowed Jen and Sarah to get away with abuse. He's now calling for a national database of child-abuse and neglect reports. “There could have been an opportunity to determine that these six kids were not in a safe family,” he says. For her part, Bakhtiar says she wants to honor the six children by taking up the environmental and other causes that were dear to them. “There is,” she says, “still light in the darkness.”

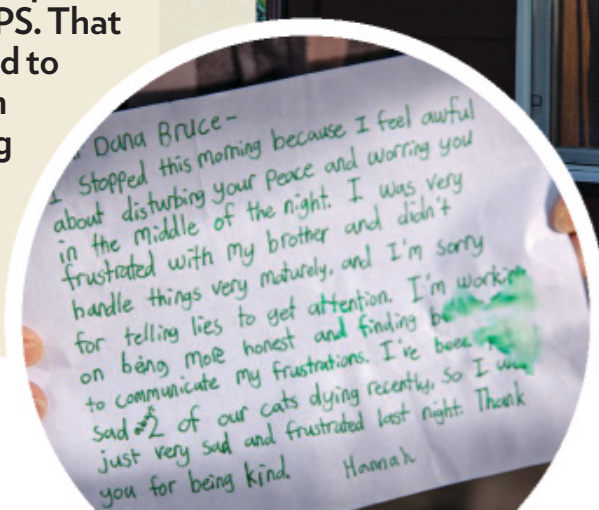
Reporting by **K.C. Baker, Christine Pelisek** and **Harriet Sokmensuer**

## Their Neighbors' Anguish

At 2 a.m. one morning in 2017 Dana and Bruce DeKalb's doorbell rang. It was a panicked Hannah Hart, 16, who begged the DeKalbs for help, crying that Jennifer and Sarah whipped and starved her. But when the women arrived moments later, they told the DeKalbs that Hannah had mental-health issues. Hannah was taken back home and delivered an apology note (below) to the neighbors the next day. Months later Devonte began asking the DeKalbs for food—and the couple reported both incidents to CPS. That the call seemed to set off a chain reaction leading to the family's deaths still haunts the DeKalbs.

### ‘RARELY’ SEEN

Neighbors Dana and Bruce DeKalb (in July 2018) told police they rarely saw the Harts, who lived next door in Woodland, Wash.



*If you suspect child abuse, call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD.*





Ricki  
Lake

# Joy After Tragedy

THE FORMER  
TALK SHOW HOST OPENS  
UP ABOUT THE DEATH  
OF HER EX-HUSBAND  
AND HOW SHE FOUND  
THE STRENGTH  
TO MOVE FORWARD

By **AILI NAHAS**

Photograph by **DENISE CREW**





HAIR: SARAH HAVANA; MAKEUP: JUANITA LYON/CELESTINE; STYLIST: HEIDI MEEK/NATALIE MILLER/OPUS BEAUTY; (LAKE & EVANS) MICHAEL KOVAC/WIREIMAGE; (LAKE & CANNON) MICHAEL BECKER/FOX; (LAKE & SCULT) JAKE AHLES

Seven months ago Ricki Lake turned 50. To honor the occasion the beloved talk show host and documentary filmmaker knew what she wanted to do. “A lot happened to me in my 40s, so as an exercise for myself I made a list of some of the biggest moments,” she explains. On that list—alongside notable memories like “I won my first Emmy,” “killed it on *Dancing with the Stars*” and “met Obama”—was a reference to perhaps the most painful event Lake has faced thus far: “I lost the love of my life.” It’s been just over two years since Christian Evans, whom Lake married in 2012, died by suicide at the age of 45, sending the perennially cheery mom of two into a spiral of depression. “I went into darkness,” says Lake. “There were days when I didn’t want to get out of bed, and that was a very scary place to be.”

But now, after self-reflection and time to heal, Lake has learned to endure despite her grief and discovered a newfound happiness—and love—in her six-month relationship with clothing company owner Jeffrey Scult. “I feel like I’m on the other side of [my grief], and that’s a miracle,” says Lake. “I have a new lease on life.”

Two years into her marriage to Evans, Lake—who has sons Milo, 21, and Owen, 17, from her first marriage, to Rob Sussman—began to witness worrying episodes from her husband, who suffered from bipolar disorder. “It was like living with Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,” recalls Lake. “He was so disruptive and so hurtful. I wanted to save him, but I couldn’t.” They ended their marriage in 2015, but at the time of his death, “Christian and I were still very much together,” says Lake, who was with him three days before he died. “I was supporting him financially and emotionally.”

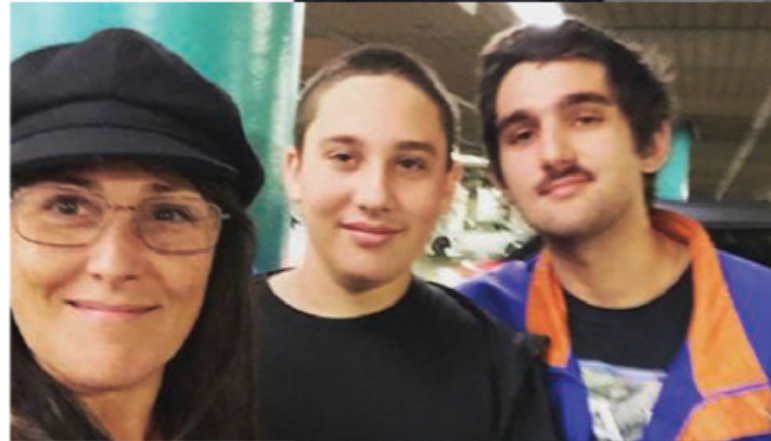
When she learned of his death, Lake was despondent. “It was paralyzing,” she says. “I’m a very social person, and I would isolate myself. For a long time I didn’t know if I would ever feel truly happy again.” Slowly, thanks to journaling, therapy and the “best” support system, Lake began to feel glimmers of hope for recovery, though when it came to her romantic life, she wasn’t in a hurry. “I was okay by myself,” she says. “I wasn’t lonely, and I wasn’t desperate. But I [trusted] the universe, and I believe I was ready to meet someone good for me.” When Lake and Scult, 53, were introduced by a mutual friend, she was open. “I didn’t think I’d find love again,” she says. “But I believe in second chances.”

Now Lake is empowered—and continuing to heal—through her involvement with Bring Change to Mind, an organization aiming to al-



### Life and Loss

“I’ve learned how resilient I am,” Lake (with Evans in 2011) says of grieving over his death. “And I hope that by sharing my story I can be a source of hope for others.”



### Family First

“They’re doing amazing,” says Lake of sons Owen (center) and Milo. “I’ve always been the rock in our family, and they saw me at my worst. So for them to see me truly happy again, it’s miraculous.”



### New Love

“We took it slow,” says Lake of Scult, “but we’re having so much fun. And our relationship is the healthiest I’ve ever had.”

ter the stigma of mental illness, and by her documentary *Weed the People*, about the medical cannabis world, coproduced by Evans. “Christian wanted to help people,” says Lake. “This project is his legacy.” Adds her producing partner Abby Epstein: “No one should underestimate Ricki Lake. She surprises me all the time with her inner strength.”



### Working Through Pain

“There was intention behind it,” Lake says of her stint on *The Masked Singer* earlier this year. “It was cathartic.”

Despite her long journey through grief and sorrow, Lake says she’s more hopeful than heartbroken today, grateful to find the joy in life once more. “I will mourn the loss of Christian’s beautiful soul every day, but I’m still living,” she says. “I used to wake up every day and be like, ‘I can’t wait for what’s in store,’ and it’s nice to be back in that feeling.” ●



# Kiefer Sutherland

## TV Star to Country Singer

AFTER EARLY FAME AND ACTION-HERO SUCCESS, THE 24 TOUGH GUY DECIDED TO EXPLORE HIS OTHER PASSION: MUSIC **By GILLIAN TELLING**

**W**hen Kiefer Sutherland first left his hometown of Toronto for New York City at 17 for a theater role, he had no idea his career would suddenly take off like a rocket. “I did two plays, went to California and got my first film job,” recalls Sutherland, now 52. The son of actors Donald Sutherland and Shirley Douglas earned instant success playing big-screen bad boys, including bully Ace in *Stand by Me* and vampire leader David in *The Lost Boys*. In his mid-20s he showed off his sexy swagger in *Young Guns* and *Flatliners*, where he met his one-time fiancée Julia Roberts. But he says he was too young to appreciate the success that was coming his way. “The ignorance and arrogance of youth made me think, ‘Oh, this is just another day and this is how life’s going to be,’” he says with a laugh.

Later he found a second act as a TV action hero, winning an Emmy for the hit 2001-2010 Fox series *24* and playing the President on *Designated Survivor*, which has moved from ABC to



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: TINA PICARD; CO. RENTMEESTER/THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES; XAVI TORENT/REDFERNS; EVERETT; JOHN MEDLAND





### A Voice Like Dad

"For better or for worse, I have my father to thank for my voice," says Sutherland (with Donald in 1970). Gravelly and deep, "it has served me well."

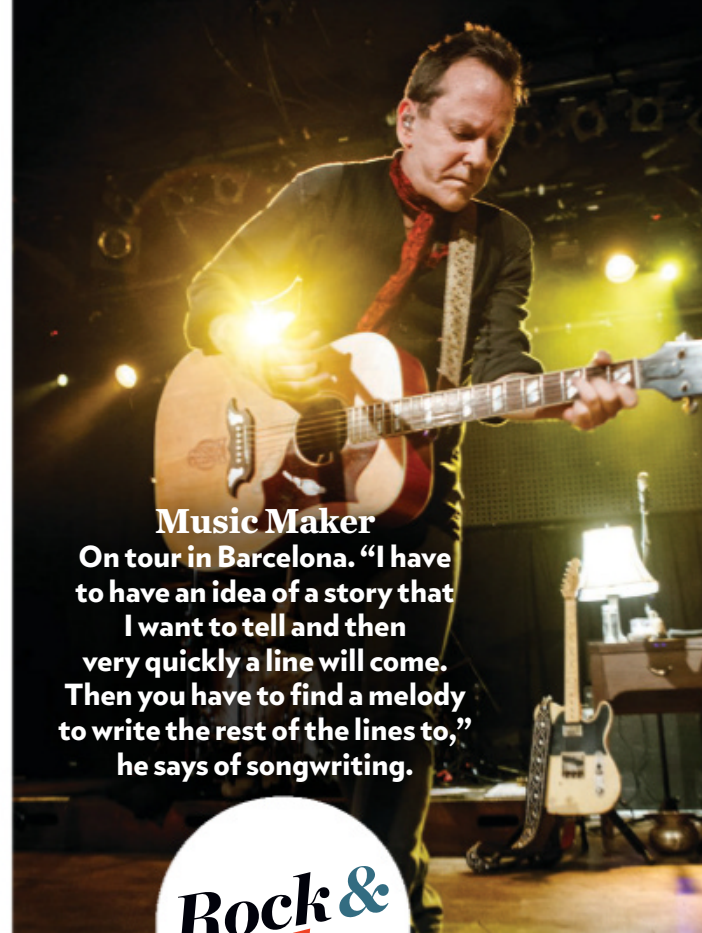
Netflix with a third season due out later this year. But he always yearned to be a musician. When *24* ended, he started taking songwriting seriously. "I've loved music since I was young," says Sutherland. "I always played guitar and violin and a little piano." His inspirations are classic country rebels such as Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard. "It got to the point where I had a lot of songs," he says. Still, he didn't feel confident enough to record them himself. "I was aware of the stigma of an actor doing music and said, 'No way.'" But after a dinner with his producing partner "that included a few drinks," he gave it a shot. "I liked the way they sounded," he says. "But I also discovered how much I loved playing live." He finds it similar to acting: "It's storytelling, but such a different experience."

Now Sutherland, who has been married twice (to Camelia Kath and Kelly Winn) and is now engaged to actress Cindy Vela, 40, has fully embraced his troubadour persona. He has played 300 shows in the last two and a half years and is about to release his second album, *Reckless & Me* (out April 26). "The experience I've had with the audiences we play to has just been one of the great joys in my life," says the dad to actress Sarah Sutherland, 31, who plays Julia Louis-Dreyfus's daughter on *Veep*. "And each member of my band is a

fantastic person that I actually love spending time with." Though he notes touring isn't exactly what he had expected. "I grew up in the days of Led Zeppelin and people destroying hotel rooms," he says. "You can try that a couple of times, but I promise you, you won't have a very good show the next day. There has to be a discipline." What he enjoys most is bonding with fans. "I know I'm one of the luckiest people I've ever met, but that doesn't

mean you get to go through life without having any difficulties," he says. "The loss of someone you love or a broken heart or disappointment—when I listen to a song and realize the artist is going through the same thing, I make a real connection. That, for me as a songwriter, is the ultimate goal." ●

**'I could have golfed or taken vacations, but this is what I wanted to do'**



### Music Maker

On tour in Barcelona. "I have to have an idea of a story that I want to tell and then very quickly a line will come. Then you have to find a melody to write the rest of the lines to," he says of songwriting.

## Rock & Roles



### '80s Sensation

"I didn't realize that through my 20s I was going to do the most popular work I've ever done," says Sutherland (in 1987's *Lost Boys*).



**'90s Fame**  
With costar Julia Roberts in the 1990 drama *Flatliners*.



### His Day Job

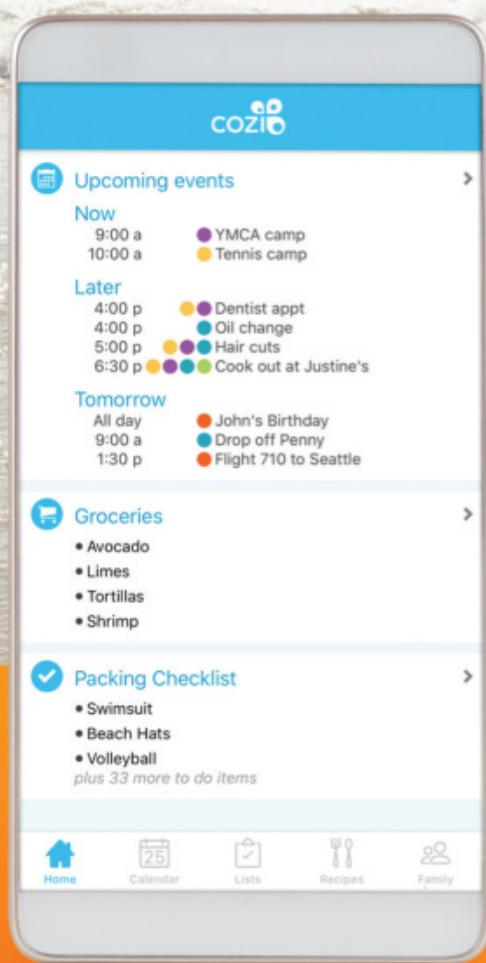
On *Designated Survivor* with Anthony Edwards. "I certainly never took a break," Sutherland says of recording and touring in between filming. "Doing TV is almost an all-encompassing job."





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A portrait of Heather Armstrong, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair and blue eyes, looking slightly to the side with a soft smile. She is wearing a dark blue jacket over a patterned shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

### Under the Influence

“Depression lies—it’s a demon in your head saying you’re not worthy of living,” Armstrong says of her pre-treatment despair.

# ‘I Died 10 Times to Live’

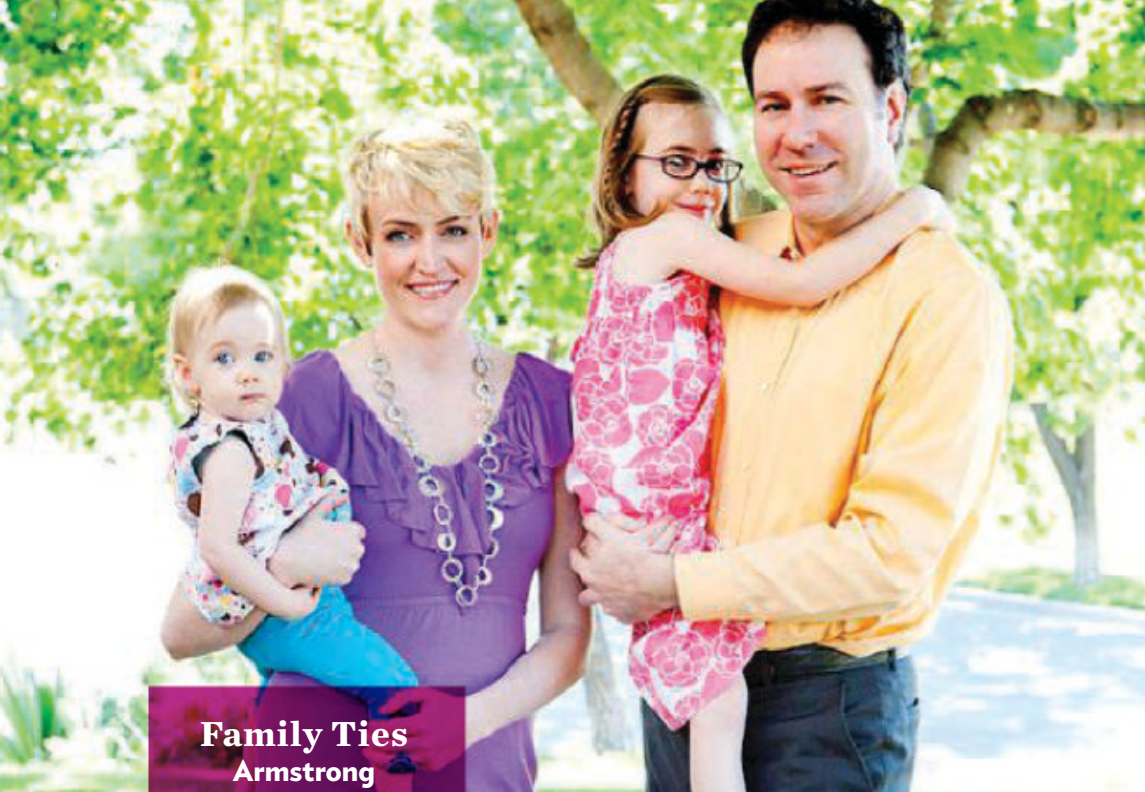
## A MOTHER’S TALE OF DEPRESSION & RECOVERY

DESPERATE FOR RELIEF, HEATHER ARMSTRONG LET DOCTORS FLATLINE HER BRAIN TO CURE IT

By **SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL**

Antidepressants had been a part of Heather Armstrong’s life for years. The perfectionist high school valedictorian had a family history of depression and had been diagnosed with depression as a sophomore at Brigham Young University. But in the latter half of 2015, a perfect storm of stress—dieting and training for a marathon while working and solo parenting her two young children (she divorced her husband in 2013, and her ex was now living 2,200 miles away)—triggered an 18-month darkness that left the Salt Lake City writer in despair. “I didn’t want to be alive,” says Armstrong, 43, whose new memoir *The Valedictorian of Being Dead* details her illness and the experimental medical therapy that she says “saved my life.” In the winter of 2017 Armstrong was one of 10 people to undergo 10 “burst suppression” treatments that used the anesthetic propofol to temporarily flatline the brain, resulting in a kind of reversible death—“like rebooting a computer,” Armstrong writes. The scary-sounding procedure, which is now undergoing further testing (see box, page 65), aims for the success of electroconvulsive therapy without ECT’s risk of memory loss. For Armstrong and five others in the initial study, run by Dr. Brian Mickey at University of Utah Health, it worked. While still on her meds and vigilant about seeing her psychiatrist, she has started fresh, relishing time with daughters Leta, 15, and Marlo, 9, and with her boyfriend of 18 months,





**Family Ties**  
Armstrong (predivorce with husband Jon and daughters Marlo, left, and Leta) spared the girls the details of treatment at the time. Her mother, Linda Oar (right), stayed at her side through all 10 treatments.



Internet company exec Pete Ashdown, and two of his children who are at home. “It’s constant ‘Go, go, go!’” Armstrong says of their life in a blended household, one that would have undone her just two years ago. “The best part is that my brain is in a place where I can enjoy the chaos.” In an exclusive excerpt from her memoir, she looks back on her journey to the light.

*The depressive episode that descended in 2016 seemed impervious to the medications that had always kept Armstrong on an even keel. Overwhelmed by “the Things That Must Get Done,” as she called the responsibilities of a working single mom, she would go days without showering and was filled with self-reproach.*

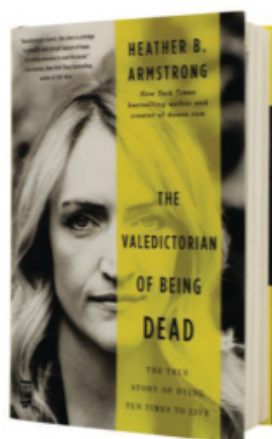
One day, still in the clothes I’ve worn three days in a row, I suddenly remember, Oh no! Marlo was supposed to take milk cartons to school for an art project, and I totally forgot. She will be devastated.

I wake up the following morning in a vat of sweat. I hear that low whisper, becoming a roar, that my girls would be so much better off without me. Someone else would have remembered those cartons. Someone else would have spared Marlo that sadness. Someone else would be a better mother.

*Hoping a new relationship might help, Armstrong joined dating apps. Her lowest point came when she broke down at the end of a date with a*

**‘I never planned suicide, but I didn’t want to be alive. Coming back from that makes me realize how wonderful life is’**

—HEATHER ARMSTRONG



*man she had pinned her hopes on—though she felt little chemistry between them.*

I had convinced myself that this had to work or I would be alone forever. Add this to the list of things about people who suffer depression: we are lonely and we fear this loneliness is our destiny.

*Her date reacted to her tears by heading for the door. That, combined with the fact that her girls were away visiting their father, hit her hard.*

I fell to the floor. I rocked back and forth, and then I started howling. I felt a cold and dangerous darkness start to wrap itself around me as if it were going to strangle me. I was terrified. I crawled to the phone and dialed my mother’s number. She picked up as a howl escaped my throat.

“Please make it stop!” I wailed. “I just want to be dead!”

“We are getting in the car right now and we are coming to—”

“Please make it stop!”

“Do not put down the phone, Heather. You are going to talk to me until I get to your front door, do you understand?”

She didn’t sound threatening or judgmental. She sounded like a commander laying out a battle plan.

*The next morning Heather’s mother insisted she make an appointment to see her longtime psychiatrist Dr. Lowry Bushnell, whom Heather had avoided calling for more than a year.*

He explained that the longer you let a depressive episode go untreated, the harder it is to climb out. Why had I waited over a year to seek his help? The answer was complicated, so I summed it up: “My ex-husband will try to take my kids if he knows I’m this depressed.”

*Bushnell, who heads up an electroconvulsive-therapy program on the campus of the University of Utah, told her about the experimental treatment his colleague Dr. Brian Mickey was testing. Four weeks later her mother and stepfather drove Heather to her first treatment and watched the procedure.*

I was anxious and frightened—but not of dying. I was terrified that I would never stop feeling this way.

I remember someone saying that I should soon feel the fentanyl [used to prevent headaches] taking effect. Every form in the room started melting. Someone’s mouth stretched across the room and laughed, teeth big as tree trunks grazed my face. “Something is wrong!” I screamed, but it came out as a whisper. My mother said the fear on my face had turned to horror. And then... Nothing.

*Heather felt—and acted—drunk as she came out of the anesthesia.*

They handed me a cup of apple juice. “Can you tell me what year it is?”

“1979,” I answered.



Everyone looked at everyone else. “It’s not 1979, is it?” I asked.

After several minutes of concerned glances, I suddenly blurted, “It’s 2017!” The year finally emerged in my brain—a brain that had just exhibited no activity for over fifteen minutes. I would later learn that my mother’s sigh of relief was so heavy because I didn’t wake up from the anesthesia for almost two hours.

*For the second treatment two days later, Dr. Mickey eliminated the fentanyl, which may have caused Heather’s hallucinations. Each time the team raced to insert a breathing tube as soon as the propofol flatlined Heather’s brain, stopping her breath.*

My mother would tell me later in a fit of tears, “Your arms and head hung like limp wet rags. I was certain you were dead.” Technically, I was. At least, my brain was.

*The fifth of 10 treatments was a breakthrough, leaving Heather with a surge of energy. She spontaneously drove to the home of the last man she’d met on match.com. He put on music he remembered she’d liked in college, a British band called Adorable.*

I couldn’t move. I just sat there and let the memories wash over my body. When the singer got to the chorus of the song “Homeboy”—“You’re so beautiful!”—the song exploded with crashing swells of guitar. I started to cry. Every hair on my body stood up. “Hey, you okay?” he asked.

I nodded. “That was like hearing music for the

When Leta (right) read the book’s details of her mom’s treatment, “her eyes got really big,” Armstrong says.



### ‘Madly in Love’

Armstrong met her partner Pete Ashdown in 1997 but “only by getting better could I see the love he had to offer me,” she says.

first time,” I explained. “Like I’d been deaf and I finally heard a chord.”

“Dude, are you trippin’?” He didn’t know that I had let an anesthesiologist flatten my brain waves five times in the last ten days. I’d felt “Homeboy” enter my body and shake it awake. And when I reached up to kiss him? Kissing?

I felt so alive.

At 3:42 p.m. on March 18, 2017, I sent the following text:

“Hey, Dr. Mickey. I just needed to tell you that I am experiencing a kind of hope and happiness today... that I thought wasn’t possible again. It almost feels like a limb I lost that suddenly reappeared. It feels... great.”

Moments later, he responded:

“So glad to hear you’re doing well!” And that was it. I wanted him to be the first to know. The first to know that it was working.

A switch had flipped. That’s the only way I can describe it. I was Dorothy opening the door of her house when it landed in Oz. The colors were nearly blinding. ●



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## New Hope for Depression

One of every 20 Americans will suffer from depression in their lifetime, and for one-third of them medication will not help, says psychiatrist Mark George of the Medical University of South Carolina. Among the emerging alternatives:

- **Burst suppression therapy**, which helped Armstrong but is still in the testing phase, uses propofol to reset brain circuitry.
- **Esketamine nasal spray**, which was approved by the FDA on

March 5 and works in conjunction with oral antidepressants. “It wears off after a couple days,” says George. “But it can get you out of a bad spot if you’re suicidal.”

- **Vagus Nerve Stimulation**, which reboots the brain through the vagus nerve in the neck, is in new trials. Says George: “We are understanding that depression lives in circuits in the brain, and that we can modulate those circuits.”

For more information, visit [psychiatry.org/patients-families/depression](https://psychiatry.org/patients-families/depression)





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“I’m lucky to be alive, are you kidding me?” says Richie, 69, who was happy to reenact his ’86 *People* cover.



*Lionel Richie*

# WHAT I KNOW NOW

AFTER NEARLY 50 YEARS IN ENTERTAINMENT, THE MUSIC LEGEND SHARES LESSONS HE'S LEARNED ABOUT FAME, FAMILY AND FINDING HAPPINESS

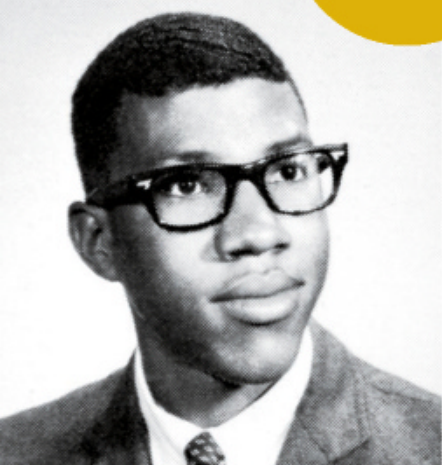
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## THE MUSIC MAN

← **All-Nighter**  
“I have been on stage my whole life,” says Richie (performing at the height of his solo career in 1986).



← **Accidental Star**  
Richie (in his 1967 high school yearbook picture) considered the priesthood.

→ **Comrades**  
After meeting in college, Richie says the Commodores set out to become the “Black Beatles.”



↓ **Hello, Oscar**  
With his 1986 award for Best Original Song “Say You, Say Me.”



↑ **Endless Hit**  
Richie and Ross perform their duet “Endless Love” in 1982.



7 It's never a bad day to be Lionel Richie. Just ask the man himself. “I wake up every morning, walk into the bathroom, look in the mirror and go, ‘Damn, that’s Lionel Richie in the mirror!’” says the musical icon with a laugh. But don’t get him wrong: Richie isn’t boasting. Rather, he says, “it’s a gratitude moment. I’m thankful that I was given this opportunity to be me.” With a career that spans nearly five decades—from his early days in the hit ’70s funk-soul band the Commodores to the solo success that kept him at the top of the ’80s charts for songs like “All Night Long,” “Hello” and his Diana Ross duet “Endless Love”—he’s got much to appreciate. The father of reality star-fashion mogul-actress Nicole Richie, 37 (with ex-wife Brenda Harvey Richie), as well as models Sofia Richie, 20, and Miles Richie, 24 (with ex-wife Diane Alexander), has found love again with longtime girlfriend Lisa Parigi. And thanks to his latest gig as an *American Idol* judge alongside Katy Perry and Luke Bryan, he has a new generation of fans. Looking forward to his 70th birthday in June, Richie—who is also preparing to drop a new album, head out on tour and promote his Endless Love line of home goods—shares with *People* hard-learned secrets to his seemingly endless success.

### Be ready to scrap your plans.

I left my mom and dad’s house to go to Tuskegee University, and I met my Commodore friends there. At the time I was seriously considering being an Episcopal priest. [But] the first time I played with the Commodores, a group of girls screamed. Up until that moment no one, no girl had ever screamed at me. I didn’t play basketball, football, baseball. I

← **Star Makers**  
“It’s a family affair,” Richie says of working with Ryan Seacrest, Perry and Bryan on the hit talent show *American Idol*, currently in its second season on ABC.

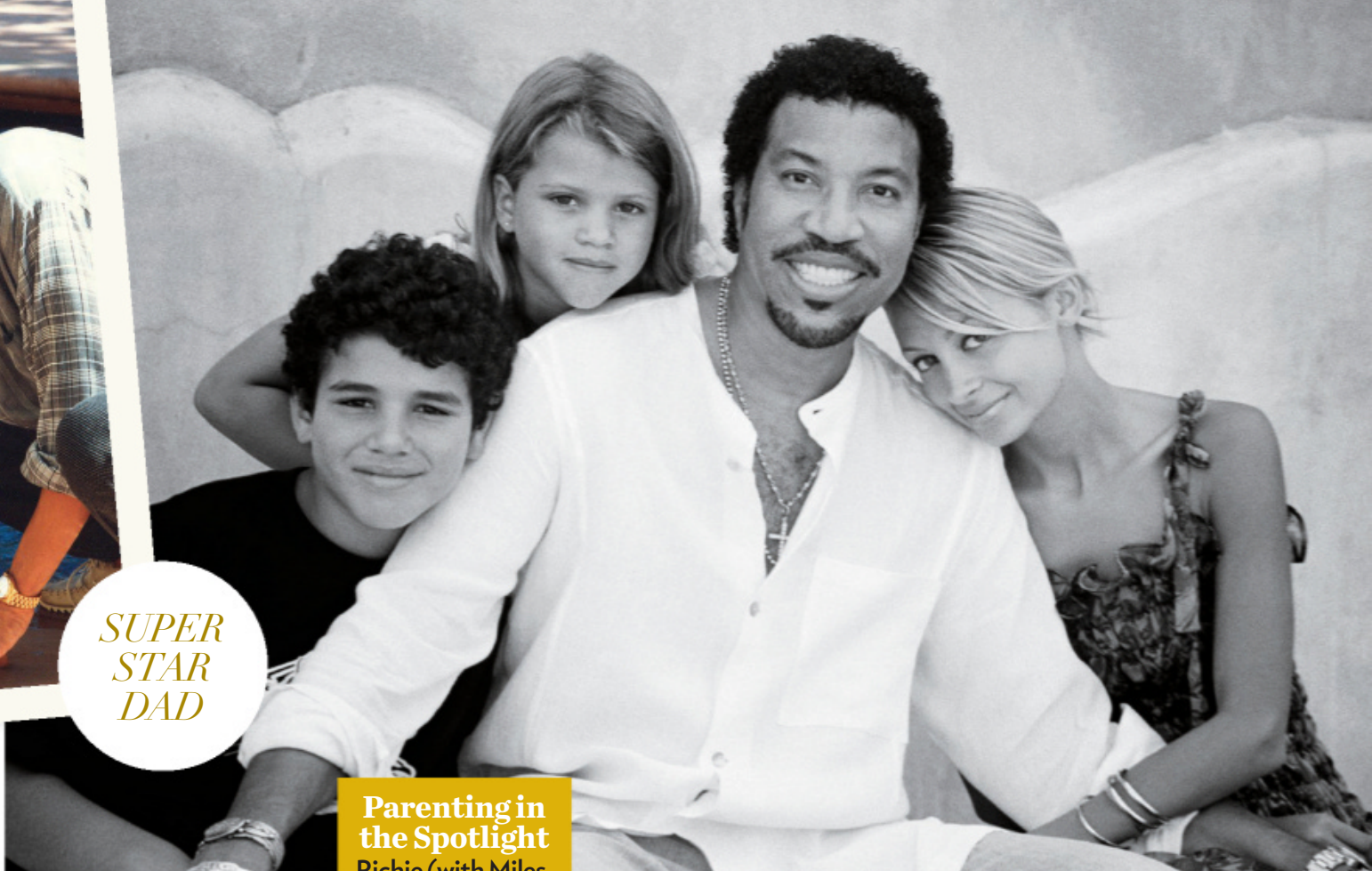






**Raising Nicole**  
Richie and his first wife legally adopted Nicole (ca. 1985) from parents he has said were having a tough time.

## SUPER STAR DAD



## Parenting in the Spotlight

Richie (with Miles, Sofia and Nicole, above in 2007 and right in 2012) says he takes his kids' ups and downs in stride, whether it's Nicole's past struggles with fame, Sofia's relationship with Kourtney Kardashian's ex Scott Disick or son Miles's recent run-in with airport security: "I sit still and let things happen, just as my parents did with me."



played on the tennis team, and no girl ever screamed at the tennis court. It was right after those girls screamed, I remember saying to myself, "I don't think I'm gonna be priest material."

### Respect your parents, but follow your heart.

My dad and mom did not understand the Commodores, because they didn't understand that times had changed. I was this Martian that showed up at the house one day with an afro. Everything I basically stood for in the beginning of my career, my mom and dad did not understand it, not one bit. Nor did the community. [Tuskegee, Ala.] was an academic community. My father was a military man. You could imagine what he was saying to me at that particular time. Surprisingly enough, my plan worked. Whatever happened that was different from their philosophy, my philosophy worked.

### Embrace your hidden talent.

The Commodores got our first hit record in 1974. We went from opening for the Jackson 5 to headlining Madison Square Garden with Bob Marley as our opening act. From then on I realized I could write songs and I could sing. Transitioning into my solo career started with Kenny Rogers and the song I wrote for him, "Lady." It was monumental, across the board No.1, forget about it. Then of course, "Endless Love" with Diana Ross. I'd never done a duet with anyone let alone written one. From there, the world just took off with Lionel Richie hanging on the back of the rocket.

### Know when to step away from it all.

Get in your car, get it up to 100 miles an hour, stick your head out the window and tell me what you

**'I did something that most people don't do; I bailed out.... It probably saved me'**

see. That's how fast I was going. Everything became this blur. What was happening around me at the time was chaos on all levels. Chaos at home [with then-wife Brenda], chaos in the career, chaos with my friends, chaos with family. I did something that most people don't do; I bailed out. I came home one day, and my dad was not doing well, and I thought what I would do was I would stop, and I would pay attention to him for a moment. Thinking it was only going to be a few months, and then I'll go back to work. A musician's schedule is put out an album and go on tour, then put out another album and go on tour. I delayed my record to check on my dad, who was on his deathbed. I always say there's a plan and then there's God's plan. I left the road for about two years, and during that time a lot of my friends crashed and burned. I wasn't the only one on that [fame] rocket. It was happening to Michael [Jack-





**Taking It All In**  
 “I’ve got 70 more years planned,” says the star (inside the game room of his sprawling Beverly Hills estate).

to completely scare me to death. They’re doing a great job, by the way. My job is to embarrass them. They’re trying to do the same, so it’s an equal swap right now.

### Never give up on love.

I’m a man who’s been through the ups and the downs, the ins and the outs of love. Love is not an exact science, it’s something you have to go through. People don’t walk in love, people fall, which means you’re out of control, there’s no logic. How you survive is your story. At this time in my life when you can be so jaded about things, [my girlfriend] Lisa kind of makes everything feel a bit safe. She’s extremely beautiful, but most importantly she’s smart and helps me deal with my crazy world. There is light at the end of the tunnel, for sure.

### Just keep saying ‘Yes!’

There’s an expression that “life begins at the end of your comfort zone.” When I walked on that *Idol* stage for the first time with Katy and Luke, I was clearly out of my comfort zone. I didn’t know what they were going to do or say, and my worst nightmare is they said everything that I never would on television. But I’m having so much fun. People ask me, “When are you going to retire?” My answer is, “From what?” This is not a job; this is a great hobby that keeps on getting better. ●



son] and Prince, the whole group. I needed that time off. It probably saved me.

### Cut your kids some slack.

I’m a tough dad, but what I realize is that you have to approach it with a bit of a sense of humor. I remember the look on my parents’ faces when I tried explaining to them that we’re the Commodores, the Black Beatles, and we’re gonna take over the world. It’s the same look I have on my face when Nicole, Miles and Sofia come to me with their ideas. I kind of use that as my centering point before I completely go off on them. With my kids I know their job is



### Lionel in Love

“I am a hopeless romantic,” says Richie. After painful public splits from ex-wives Brenda (far left, in 1984) and Diane (center in 2003), the star says he can see himself heading down the aisle again with girlfriend Lisa Parigi (with him in 2018).

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**Wolf Pack**  
Wolf (left) “was the inspiration, but it’s not about him,” says Tozzi (inset, right, with Mann) of her son. “We needed to help these moms meet each other.”

# Moms Helping Moms

## Cool Gear for Kids with Special Needs

INSPIRED BY THEIR SONS, TWO CONNECTICUT MOMS DEVELOP A STYLISH APP TO CONNECT PARENTS RAISING KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

For Carissa Tozzi, one of the hardest days of her life as a mom was when her son Wolf’s preschool teachers told her he was struggling to focus and calm himself. They suspected the boy had sensory-processing issues. Alarmed, Tozzi immediately started searching therapy sites to find toys to help her son cope. “It felt very clinical, very doom and gloom,” she recalls of the online resources. “It was frightening—not inspiring.”

Wanting to help other special-needs families avoid similar frustrations, Tozzi, 47, turned to her friend Gena Mann, a fellow mom in Fairfield County, Conn., who was already raising two sons, Jasper, 16, and Felix, 15, on the autism spectrum. With a shared love of

fashion—and input from experts—they created Wolf + Friends in 2016. It began as a website offering a stylish collection of more than 700 products geared toward kids with special needs; then last year they launched a community app that, along with the site and a newsletter, now reaches more than 40,000 in the special-needs community.

Tozzi eventually learned that Wolf, now 7, did not have special needs. But for parents of kids who do, the app has been a welcome link to families in similar situations. Danielle Mager, an Oxford, Mich., mom to a 4-year-old son on the spectrum, used the app to connect with a mom whose child is also on the spectrum and who lives just 15 minutes away. “Finding another person who can 100 percent relate is a big deal for us special moms,” Mager says. “It’s life-changing.” Adds Mann: “It feels so good to reach those moms and say, ‘You’re not alone.’” ●

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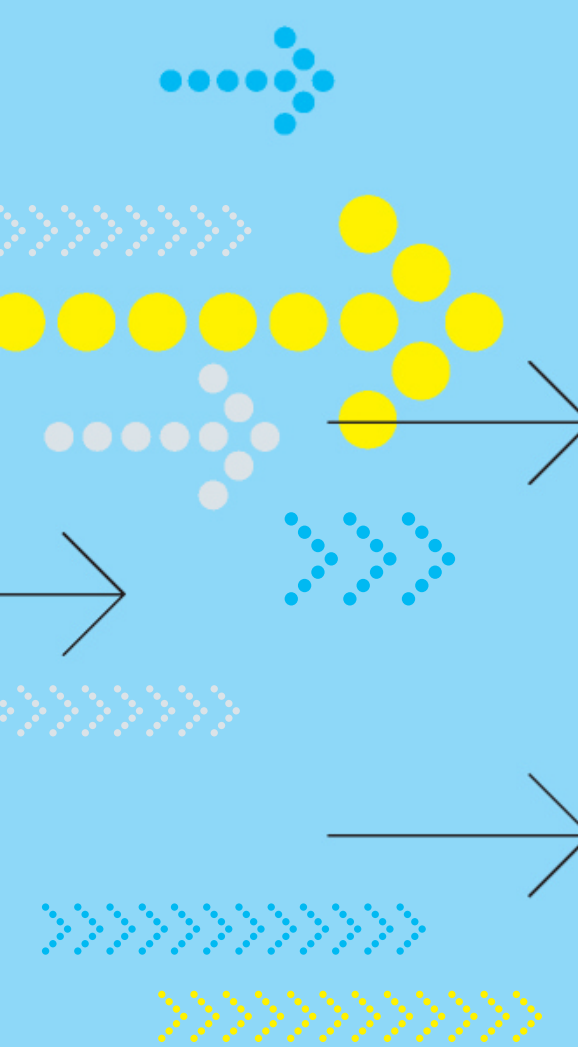


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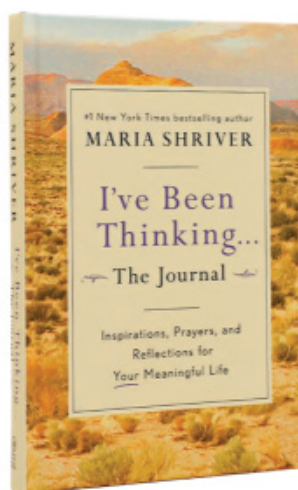
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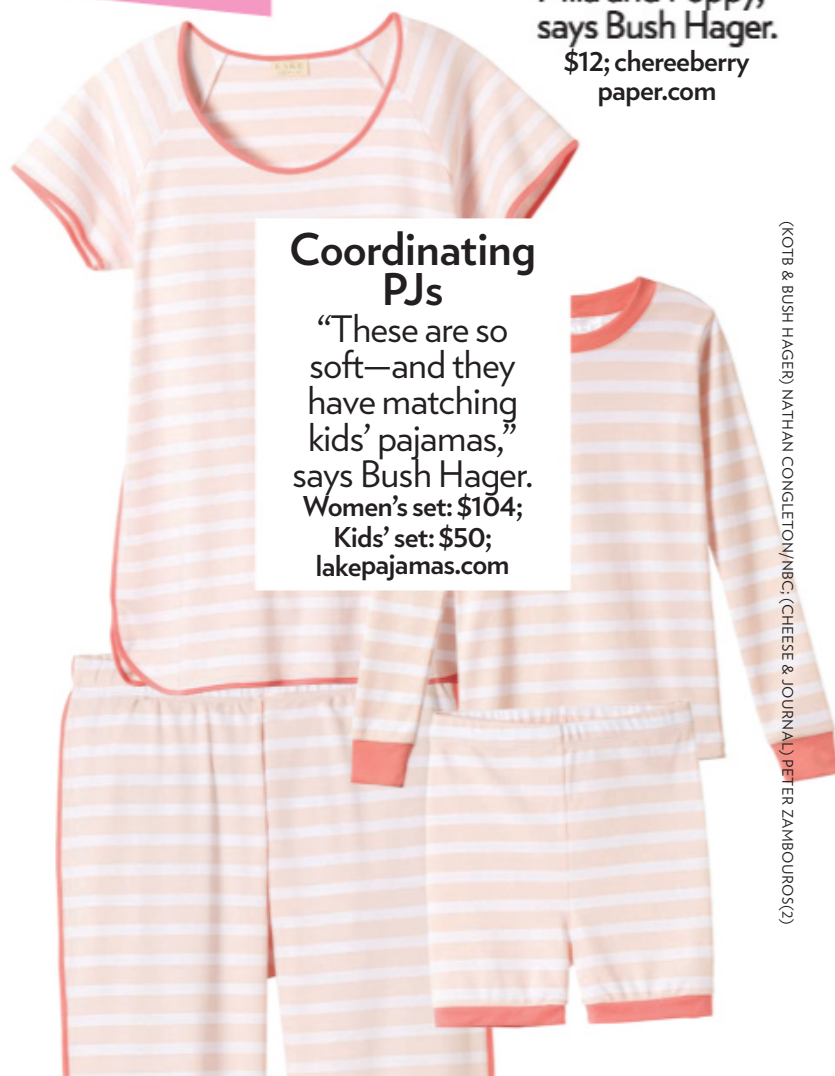
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- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 medium-size white onion, minced (1 cup)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ¾ tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 1 chipotle chile in adobo sauce, minced (from 1 [7-oz.] can)
- 3 large sweet potatoes (about 2 lbs.), peeled and cut into ½-in. pieces (4½ cups)
- 3 whole cloves, crushed in a mortar and pestle, or ¼ tsp. ground cloves
- 12 corn tortillas
- ½ cup crème fraîche or Mexican-style crema, at room temperature
- ¼ cup toasted corn snack (such as Corn Nuts), lightly crushed
- 1 small bunch cilantro, leaves picked and roughly chopped (½ cup)

**1.** Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium until it begins to shimmer. Add onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, until it begins to brown, 5 to 6 minutes. Add garlic

to skillet, and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon of the salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes. Stir in chipotle; cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 more minutes.

**2.** Reduce heat to low. Add sweet potatoes and crushed cloves; stir to combine well. Cover; cook until potatoes are tender but not mushy, about 15 minutes, checking potatoes every 5 minutes, and stirring. Turn heat off. Sprinkle cooked potatoes with remaining ½ teaspoon salt, and cover to keep warm.

**3.** Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium high. Place tortillas in hot skillet 1 at a time, and cook until soft and fragrant and beginning to blister, 1 to 2 minutes per side.

**4.** Place tortillas on a serving platter. Heap ⅓-cup mounds of the potato mixture on each tortilla. Top each with 2 teaspoons of crème fraîche. Sprinkle each with crushed Corn Nuts and cilantro; serve immediately.

**Serves: 4 Active time: 30 minutes Total time: 30 minutes**





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- 1 (2-to-3 lb.) head cauliflower
- 7 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- $\frac{5}{8}$  tsp. kosher salt, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tbsp. whole black peppercorns
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. fenugreek seeds
- 1 small Indian green chile or serrano chile, halved lengthwise and stem removed
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 small yellow onion, roughly chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh cilantro
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup walnut halves
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice (from 1 lime), plus lime wedges for serving

**1.** Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place cauliflower on prepared baking sheet; drizzle evenly with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of the oil. Sprinkle with  $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon of the salt. Bake until cauliflower is golden brown and tender when pierced with a fork, 40 to 50 minutes.

**2.** Meanwhile heat remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large

nonstick skillet over medium high. Once oil begins to shimmer, add peppercorns and fenugreek seeds, and toss gently until fenugreek seeds are lightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Add green chile, garlic and onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, 3 to 4 minutes. Add peas, and cook until peas are warmed through, 3 to 4 more minutes. Add water, and bring mixture to a boil. Immediately remove skillet from heat, and stir in cilantro and remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt. Cool mixture 5 minutes. Transfer to a blender. Add walnuts and lime juice. Secure lid on blender, and remove center piece to allow steam to escape. Place a clean towel over opening, and process until a smooth paste forms, about 30 seconds.

**3.** Spoon about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chutney onto a serving plate, and top with whole roasted cauliflower. To serve, slice cauliflower into steaks, and serve with lime wedges and remaining chutney.

**Serves: 4 Active time: 20 minutes Total time: 1 hour**

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## KITCHEN 101

### More Ways to Use Fenugreek Seeds



**1.** Blend the fenugreek into a dry rub for meat, suggests Krishna.

**2.** "Use them as a seasoning in chili or any other kind of brothy bean stew," she says.

**3.** Cook the seeds in a pan with squash. Says Krishna: "Its nutty flavor offsets the sweetness of the squash."

**4.** Make fenugreek tea: Crush the seeds, and top with boiling water. Cover and steep for 3 minutes; then strain and drink hot.



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## Elizabeth McGovern

THE *DOWNTON ABBEY* ALUM, 57, STARS IN THE NEW 1920s-SET MOVIE *THE CHAPERONE*

### Last time I sang out loud

I sing every day. I've been with a band since 2007 and just finished a new album called *The Truth*. It's been a totally unexpected, wonderful thing in my life.

### Last fashion disaster

Oh my God, can it be an entire decade? The '80s for sure. The bad perm, changing the color of my hair, the big shoulders—none of it worked for me. Just bad.

### Last moment of pride

One was my daughter Grace [now 21] going to Ghana for a year when she was 18, to work with kids in a village. The other was my daughter Matilda, who's 25, reading me the start of a novel that she's writing. They were both launching in different ways to their true selves.

### Last perfect day off

I had a really nice day with my husband [director Simon Curtis] in Wales. We went to this seaside town called Barry and the dog was with us, and this guy was selling dog ice cream, so we gave the dog some dog ice cream, whatever that was.

### Last thing I took from a set

I've never taken anything. I like to walk away and just leave it all. I don't even take pictures, really. For me, I love the beauty of a moment that then disappears and is gone forever.

Reported by **Julie Jordan**



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